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Blair's office denies blocking Branson knighthood



Branson: he called the Millennium Dome "daft"

By NICHOLAS WATT AND PHILIP WEBSTER

DOWNING STREET moved last night to kill off speculation that Tony Blair personally intervened to block a knighthood for Richard Branson in the Queen's Birthday Honours.

suspect that the businessman was blocked by Downing Street after a series of disagreements with the Government.

Mr Branson has called the Millennium Dome "daft" and said he felt "let down" by the Prime Minister's decision to exempt Formula One motor racing from the ban on tobacco sponsorship.

Tory sources said their suspicions about the Prime Minister's involvement arose when Downing Street allegedly leaked details of Mr Hague's nomination of Mr Branson

last autumn. At the same time Mr Hague nominated Bernie Ecclestone, the Formula One boss, whose £1 million donation to the Labour Party caused severe embarrassment to Mr Blair when he sanctioned the tobacco sponsorship exemption.

The Prime Minister's official spokesman yesterday accused the Tories of "playing silly games" over the honour. Downing Street sources indicated that it was still possible for Mr Branson to receive an honour in the future because successful candidates have to wait up to two years after their nomination.

The Political Honours Scrutiny Committee, which is chaired by Lord Pym, the former Tory Foreign Secretary, vets names that have been nominated for "political service" covering politicians and people who have made donations to a political party.

It is unclear whether Mr Branson's nomination went before Lord Pym's committee because Mr Hague nominated him on the basis of his contribution to British industry.

clined to comment yesterday on the alleged snub. However David Ruffley, the Conservative MP for Bury St Edmunds, attempted to maintain the pressure on the Government.

He said: "Tony Blair has tried to claim credit for the knighthood given to Geoff Hurst. So why can't he tell us whether or not he supported a knighthood for Britain's most popular businessman? Suggestions that Mr Branson might have to wait years for an honour are simply ridiculous.

Mellor joins the campaign against Archer

By NICHOLAS WATT POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

DAVID MELLOR, the former Tory Cabinet minister, yesterday became the most senior member of the party to call on Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare to abandon his attempt to be the first mayor of London.

The former Heritage Secretary told BBC's Breakfast with Frost: "There are some personalities that obviously invite the kind of coverage that Jeffrey Archer has got... I just hope that somewhere out of all this stuff about the mayor of London will come some fresh and substantive candidates rather than those against whom things could easily be posed."

Mr Mellor was then asked whether he fitted the bill. He replied: "Not being fresh - I am sticking to other things and would advise one or two other people to do the same."

His remarks, which echo the private thoughts of the Tory hierarchy, will come as a huge blow to Lord Archer, who is facing the prospect of an appearance before his party's new ethics committee to answer allegations about his business interests.

In the wake of Sir Timothy Kison, the former MP, demanded an investigation. In the wake of Sir Timothy Kison, senior Tories expressed doubts in private about Lord Archer's suitability to be the Conservative candidate for mayor.

Lady Archer, in an interview yesterday with The Sunday Times, said she had no difficulty with the party's ethics committee investigating her husband, although she insisted that she had not advised her husband about the takeover of Anglia.

She said: "As for the controversy over Anglia TV shares, that was subjected to a DTI investigation and the investigators recommended that the matter should not have been taken any further. My husband's critics are not accepting the results of British justice."

Tories threaten rebellion over disarmament

By NICHOLAS WATT AND AUDREY MAGEE

THE Tory leadership threatened yesterday to end five years of cross-party consensus on Northern Ireland unless the Government introduces an explicit link between terrorist disarmament and the release of prisoners.

In a sign of the growing dismay among Conservatives at the concessions to Sinn Fein, Michael Howard, the Shadow Foreign Secretary, said that Tories would vote against the Government if it refused to give assurances on the decommissioning of terrorist arms.

Such a move would be the most serious setback to the bipartisan approach to Northern Ireland that dates from November 1993, when John Smith, then the Labour leader, refrained from attacking the last Government over its secret contacts with the IRA.

The Tories are demanding that the Government accept a series of amendments to the Northern Ireland (Sentences) Bill, tabled last week by William Hague and David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist leader, which call for total disarmament by May 2000.

commissioning and the release of prisoners. If four amendments are not accepted then I think we will vote against this Bill on third reading on Thursday."

Mr Howard insisted that Tony Blair must live up to his assurances on decommissioning because terrorist victims would find the release of prisoners "very difficult."

His message was reinforced by Andrew Mackay, the Shadow Northern Ireland Secretary, who appealed to the Prime Minister to "keep faith" with the people of Northern Ireland by accepting his amendments.

The Parades Commission is expected to announce that it will reroute the "Tour of the North" parade away from Roman Catholic areas of North Belfast to avoid a repeat of the clashes that broke out when the march was last held in 1996.

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flexible when MPs debate the Tory and Unionist amendments at the Committee Stage of the Bill today.

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There are fears that re-routing the parade will lead to loyalist protests and increase Unionist antipathy towards the Northern Ireland assembly days before the elections to the body on 25 June.



Howard: said Tories would vote against Bill

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Small change the new £2 coin, which has a white centre and yellow outer ring, is introduced into general circulation in Britain today, although it could be some months before the coins are in widespread general use

Bar tells ministers: hands off

Frances Gibb hears a warning to spin-doctors over legal aid reform

THE Government's use of spin-doctors to "soften up" the Bar and score political points in the debate over its plans to reform legal aid came in for severe criticism at the weekend.

Heather Hallett, QC, told the annual general meeting of the profession: "How many times must I repeat that the Bar does not need to be softened up, unless, of course, the aim is to score cheap political points at the expense of an easy target?"

The Bar, she told barristers, was ready to change and had itself advocated a tightening of the criteria for granting legal aid. It had set up a team to work with the Lord Chancellor's Department on high-cost criminal legal aid cases and had done a "huge amount" towards preparing a scheme for restricting fees to fixed bands to provide a "simple,

easily regulated and fair method of payment."

Ms Hallett said: "The spin doctors should remember that there comes a point when, if you undermine lawyers sufficiently, you destroy public confidence in the legal system altogether."

A government committed to law and order should remember that the rule of law would survive only as long as the public had confidence in it. It was time for the British public to be reminded that they were lucky in all their professions "and, dare I say it, in their lawyers."

"Ask a Kenyan about his confidence in an independent judiciary and legal profession. Ask a Peruvian or Venezuelan

how much it costs to buy a judge. Ask a human rights activist in China what happens when you abolish an independent legal profession."

Miss Hallett was speaking during a House of Lords special hearing into the criminal legal aid fees charged by some Queen's Counsel.

The Bar is also fighting the Government over its proposals to scrap civil legal aid and bring in "no win, no fee" work, plans to allow crown prosecutors to take cases in the Crown Court, and proposals for introducing block contracts for legal aid work.

Praising the Attorney General, John Morris, QC, an ex officio head of the Bar, Ms Hallett said that he had spo-

ken of the importance of an independent Bar and did so from actual experience in the courts.

She sounded a note of caution to other ministers less well qualified to criticise, including the Lord Chancellor. "I hope the Lord Chancellor's Department, when making their plans for block contracting of civil and criminal work, remember the importance of provisions which enable the Bar to compete, and therefore survive," she said.

"Too often in recent months I have detected a failure in some government circles to take any account of our position, of our essential role in the system."

She said that if the Government was not careful, the legal system would go down the American road and find itself perceived as greedy.

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# Auction house 'failed to spot fake Lowrys'

Collector condemns Phillips, reports Darya Alberge



A nude wrongly said to be by Lowry in 1994

A FRIEND of L.S. Lowry has accused Phillips of failing to make adequate checks for authenticity after the auction house was forced to withdraw a painting attributed to the late artist.

Lawrence Ives, who is also a Lowry collector, says it is the third time in nine years he has alerted the auction house over a "Lowry" he was convinced was a fake. Phillips withdrew the work last Monday, a day before the auction.

Mr Ives, 67, said the oil painting of a hunched old man was clearly not in his style. "A line delineating the head is totally atypical and something which he never used. He has a large hooked nose which Lowry never did. The eye socket is too finely painted. The matted hair on the beard and hair are more like Pissarro.

"The contour lines delineating the weak form of the overcoat have a swirling paint which Lowry never used. The boots are too finely shaped. The signature is too neat and



Image of an elderly man now rejected as a Lowry

too thinly painted. Mr Ives, a retired senior lecturer in psychology at Manchester University, felt he had to speak out after seeing the fake which was to be sold at an auction in which one work, *Piccadilly Circus*, fetched a record £562,000. Mr Ives, 67, recalls seeing that work in Lowry's

studio during their 27-year friendship. They both lived in the village of Mottram in Longdendale. Mr Ives says that because of Lowry's sympathy for how little lecturers earned he was offered works at a special rate.

Lowry has long inspired fakers but Mr Ives said that three mistakes by Phillips were too many. He said: "Eight or nine years ago I had a catalogue from them. There was a small oil — a seascape, with figures on a beach — said to be by Lowry which was patently not by Lowry."

He contacted the auctioneers and was told that others questioned the work and it was withdrawn. "I then got a Phillips catalogue of October 4, 1994 of a standing female nude. It was signed. To say it was a Lowry would be a joke."

He called Judith Sandling at the Salford Art Gallery, which has the nation's largest Lowry collection and Phillips. "After further investigation it was withdrawn," Michael Lever, a



Lawrence Ives, a friend of Lowry for 27 years, says works have been offered for sale that are clearly not in his style

museums officer at the gallery, said of the image of the old man: "We're not happy with it, nor were Phillips. It is a credit to Phillips that they did double-check."

James Rawlin of Phillips said that the first case predated his arrival at the firm but he acknowledged that the other two works were withdrawn. "We listened to what he said, made further checks and pulled it out. We had already been in touch with Salford to make checks. Initially there did not seem to be a problem. We wouldn't

have put it in if we thought there was any element of doubt."

However, he said that Ms Sandling had contacted the auctioneers after Mr Ives had talked to her. The gallery, which had only seen a transparency of the painting of the old man was sent the picture itself. Mr Rawlin said: "As soon as she rang saying that she no longer felt the picture was 'right', we withdrew the picture." He added that one in three "Lowrys" offered to Phillips were fakes and they were usually easy to spot.

## Fewer men are prosecuted as date rapes rise

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

HALF of rapes are "date rapes" by boyfriends, former partners or a close friend, according to early results from a Home Office study. The finding — an increase from 35 per cent in 1985 — is thought to account in part for a sharp drop in the conviction rate, because rapes by men known to victims are harder to prove.

The proportion in England and Wales of reported female rapes within an intimate relationship has increased as the figures for sexual attacks by strangers have dropped.

Rapes reported to police rose by 14 per cent to 6,337 in 1996-97 but the conviction rate fell from 24 per cent in 1985 to 9 per cent in 1996. "Initial findings suggest that this might be related to a large proportion of rapes involving intimates (date rape) being reported and those offences tend to be more difficult to prove than those involving strangers" the report says.

The proportion of date rapes rose from 35 to 50 per cent in 1985-1996. Rapes by strangers fell from 30 to 8 per cent of the total.

Jessica Harris, who is carrying out the study, found that police files on most reported

rapes were never passed to the Crown Prosecution Service for a decision on whether the case should go to court.

Ms Harris's interim report discloses that out of a sample of 309 rape cases in five police areas, two thirds never got as far as a file being sent to the CPS and only 74 cases, or 24 per cent, reached the court.

In 72 cases, police decided that a crime had not taken place; in 113 cases (37 per cent) police decided not to charge the man; in 22 cases (7 per cent) no suspect was identified; and in four cases (1 per cent) suspects were cautioned.

Ms Harris, of the Home Office research and statistics directorate, found that the most common reasons for police taking no further action or deciding that no crime had taken place was that women withdrew the allegations or that there was insufficient evidence.

Cases were least likely to reach court if the rape involved a woman over 35, there was no evidence of violence or injury and there was a degree of consensual contact between the couple. The full Home Office study is to be published in the autumn.



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# The Goldman Sachs partners who will share £18.5bn payout

BY STEPHEN FARRELL  
AND JASON NISSÉ

SOME men are born rich, some achieve richness, and yesterday executives of Goldman Sachs investment bank were poised to vote themselves extremely rich indeed.

To mere mortals, the figures are mind-boggling — an £18.5 billion goldmine which, divided up, could produce up to £60 million in shares for 190 partners worldwide — 37 in London.

The decision was a complex matter of matching their own interests with those of one of the most influential financial institutions in the world, founded in New York in 1869 by Marcus Goldman.

For decades the scale of rewards and demands at Goldman's have been simple. The bank demands your whole life, and rewards prodigiously the brightest and the best who make it from trainee to director and, ultimately, partner.

Executives are notorious for demanding total commitment from even the most junior employees. The exasperated girlfriend of one up-and-coming star at the firm walked out on him after she grew weary of being woken at 1.30am by telephone calls that rarely lasted less than an hour.

Simon Robertson, now managing director, joined the bank in 1997, later in life than many of his colleagues, after three decades with the merchant bank Kleinwort Benson. He is candid about the person-



Nest eggs: Gavyn Davies and John Thornton

al benefits of not being a lifelong company man. "However much money my friends there earned, it can't compensate for the fact that I saw my children grow up and they didn't," he once said.

Despite his late arrival, Eton-educated Mr Robertson, 57, a friend of the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, is one of the British partners who stands to gain the most.

He skis at Klosters, has a golf handicap in the low 20s, maintains membership of the exclusive Raquette club in New York to have quick saunas between appointments and once displayed a touch of flamboyance by having an Alfa Romeo 155 as his company car.

Others include Gavyn Davies, 47, Goldman Sachs's chief economist. Widely tipped as a future Governor of the Bank of England under Labour, which he has supported

since the 1960s. His wife, Sue Nye, heads Gordon Brown's private office.

Mr Davies, who earns around £2 million a year, owns a house in Islington and a house in north Devon that was named Building of the Year in 1995.

Despite his status, he has a small office and shuns ostentatious displays of wealth. A cricket enthusiast and football fan, he once tried to buy a stake in Southampton FC in a consortium headed by Sir David Frost.

Others include Peter Sutherland, 52, chairman of Goldman Sachs International, a former Irish politician who is also chairman of British Petroleum, and an ex-director-general of the Gatt trade agreement and European Commissioner.

If each does receive £60 million, it will represent a sum substantially beyond the top

three National Lottery jackpots combined. It can be safely assumed that their familiarity with Midas-style riches will make them more able to keep a cool head.

The most recent example of how senior City figures reacted with equanimity to such payouts came in November last year, when the US giant Merrill Lynch bought the pension fund manager Mercury Asset Management for £3.1 billion.

At a stroke the deal created 300 overnight millionaires with its £17 a share offer, and made MAM's three top executives £50 million richer.

The chairman, Hugh Stevenson, received an estimated £24 million from incentive schemes and shares; the deputy chairman, Stephen Zimmerman, £15 million on top of his £5.9 million earnings last year and the vice-chairman, Carol Galley, a former Warburg librarian, a £10 million bonus to her 1997 earnings of £5.4 million.

All three declined to retire with their nest eggs, and went straight back to their desks at the new company. Mr Stevenson, 55, became non-executive chairman, and Ms Galley, 49, and Mr Zimmerman, 49, became joint heads of Merrill Lynch Mercury Asset Management in charge of funds worth £266 billion.

Ms Galley, whose father worked for Sheffield City Council, was born in Yorkshire and brought up in Newcastle. She is a former Gosforth Grammar School pupil and modern languages



Simon Robertson: the Briton who, as managing director, stands to gain most

graduate of Leicester University.

Now married to a stockbroker, she has a home in London and a cottage in the South of France and is said to be fond of attending opera and health clubs. The first woman to be appointed to Merrill Lynch's 16-member executive committee, she is used to leading a

high-profile life, having backed Granada's £3.8 billion takeover of Forte, the country's biggest family hotel firm. But she rarely grants media interviews.

Mr Stevenson, who said that £9.26 million of the money he received was destined for a charitable trust, defused queries over how driv-

en his two star performers would remain after their big payouts. "If it was a question of losing motivation I would suggest they would have lost it a long time ago," he said shortly after the takeover.

The same, one can assume, is true of those likely to gain from the division of the Goldman egg.

## Clean-up under way after freak tornado hits estate

A CLEAN-UP operation was under way yesterday after a freak tornado ripped through a housing estate. Garden walls were flattened and fencing panels tossed into the air in Lower Earley in Berkshire.

One motorist escaped when a fir tree was torn in two, blown across the road and sent spearing through his passenger side window. He careered off the road as other cars swerved to avoid him.

Torrential rain hammered down and hurricane force winds sent garden furniture, roof tiles and bricks flying. Les and Ruth Wise watched from their kitchen window as a 90ft garden wall linking five terraced homes was brought crashing down.

"It just went over all in one go as if someone had grabbed hold of both ends and just twisted it," Mr Wise said.

"We were watching from the kitchen window as really heavy rain came down. It was as if we were looking out from under a waterfall. All of a sudden, the wind picked up and our garden hammock went spinning into the air."

He described how trees were bent double by the high winds and how the fir tree in his neighbour's garden had snapped.

Mrs Wise added: "Luckily there was no pavement on this side of the road so no-one was walking along. All the kids were indoors as well because of the heavy rain."

They said Saturday night's drama was over within 20 seconds.

Krista Faiers, 32, was also been watching from her kitchen window when the wind picked up and started blowing her washing around. "All of a sudden everything starting lifting up in the air. The fence swayed from side to side before suddenly disappearing. My son Adam, nine, was really in a state and I took him upstairs out of the way."

"When we looked out of the window, everything had just flattened."

Andre Dubourg, six, said: "I thought it was the end of the world."

## London man is Ben Nevis's third victim this year

The man who died climbing Britain's highest mountain on Friday afternoon has been named as 47-year-old Christopher Nightingale from Horn Lane, Acton, West London.

Mr Nightingale was the sixth person to die on Highland mountains this year and the third victim of Ben Nevis.

He was scrambling up Castle Ridge, 3550 feet up the mountain,

with two men and a woman when he slipped and fell.

The alarm was raised about 12.45pm and a Sea King helicopter from RAF Lossiemouth was scrambled to assist the Lochaber Mountain rescue team.

Mr Nightingale was flown to a picnic area, where he was pronounced dead by a local doctor.

Lochaber Mountain Rescue team leader Terry Confield said Mr

Nightingale was very unlucky, having slipped in an area which is regarded as an easy ascent.

He said the group, who were experienced and well-equipped, were not roped together and Mr Nightingale lost his footing on wet rock.

"Although the rock was slippery, usually with good footwear, people can cope. It is one of the easiest areas to negotiate.

"This is a genuine accident, one of these tragedies which happen from time to time.

"It is only the second fatality on Castle Ridge in about 10 years, and the third

on the Ben this year. Castle Ridge is a notorious avalanche area but we don't expect accidents there in the good weather."

The Lochaber Mountain Rescue Team also returned to the hills at the weekend to look for 37-year-old Dunfermline miner Sam Sinclair, who disappeared in December while hiking in Glen Nevis.

A dozen members of his Dunfermline-based Cioch Mountaineering Club went out with Lochaber MRT before Christmas last year to try and locate him.

However despite being experi-

enced, he failed to leave a detailed route and the most extensive search of the area seen in the Highlands was in vain. But the area is still covered in snow and the hunt was abandoned again after failing to find him.

A police spokesman said: "The rescue team will be going out again when conditions are suitable."

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# Report to reveal 'litany of failure' over cell killing

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE Prison Service is expected to be criticised today after a three-year inquiry into the killing of a remand prisoner by his mentally disturbed cellmate.

A "litany of failure" by agencies, including health, social services, police and the courts, will be disclosed in the 400-page report into the death of Christopher Edwards.

Mr Edwards, 30, a university graduate who was suffering mild symptoms of mental illness, was being held for breach of the peace at Chelmsford prison, Essex, in a cell with Richard Linford, who had been arrested for assault.

Linford, 32, a paranoid schizophrenic with a 15-year history of violence, turned on Mr Edwards on November 28, 1994, beating him so badly he could only be identified from dental records.

Five months later, Linford, also a graduate, admitted manslaughter on the ground of diminished responsibility and was sent to Rampton special hospital without limit of time.

Paul Edwards, 61, and his wife Audrey said their son should never have been put in a cell with Linford.

In July 1995 North Essex Health Authority, Essex County Council, the Prison

Service and the police set up an independent inquiry. The tribunal, headed by Kieran Coonan, QC, was asked to look at whether the care of both men met required standards. They examined whether crucial information was passed on and are believed to have concluded that a major breakdown in communications occurred.

Prison staff saw Linford jumping on his victim's body in the cell but did not intervene immediately, returning instead in riot gear minutes later, by which time he was dead from head injuries.

Staff told Mr Edwards' parents that he had been put in the same cell as Linford because the two men had become friends when they arrived at the jail. The director of the Prison Service confirmed to the Edwards himself that the two men had asked to be put in the same cell.

However, it later emerged that the pair had not met before they were incarcerated together.

Mr Edwards said yesterday: "All the agencies need to smarten their game up. We believe there are two major issues here which go above and beyond the agencies having to act better. The nation should stop using prisons as a

dumping ground for the mentally ill, particularly the very destructive mentally ill.

"Both young men were as ill as they were because they were not taking their medication. They didn't believe they needed to. The law and practice need to be changed so they can intervene and require mentally ill patients to take treatment."

Sane, the mental health campaign group, described the case as "one of the most appalling cases involving neglect, lack of care, risk assessment and failure of communication".

Marjorie Wallace, Sane's chief executive, said: "It is a disgrace that two young men should be put in prison when their only crime was to suffer, in differing ways, from a serious mental illness. Both needed hospital care, not a prison cell."



## Peregrine falcons find a capital place to nest

FOR the first time in living memory, a pair of rare Peregrine falcons are rearing their young in London - 60 feet above the Littlebrook power station at Dartford.

Bird lovers have seen the male returning to the nest, which is tucked into a giant girder, carrying an already plucked bird. The female emerged and together they tore the flesh to pieces to feed the young. The nest is not visible from

ground and it is not known how many young are being reared. But Chris Mead, one of Britain's leading ornithologists, said: "We will be able to tell in a couple of weeks when they will probably be big enough to peer

over the edge of the girder. "It is an historic moment, and the birds should be able to thrive because there is no shortage of pigeons." Historically, Britain's peregrine population stood at around 1,000

pairs - the vast majority of them in Scotland and northern England - but toxic chemicals reduced their breeding stock to about 100 pairs.

They recovered well after the chemicals, such as DDT, were banned, and there are now about 1300 pairs.

The birds have now returned to a previous site, Salisbury Cathedral, and have been spotted hatching chicks on a block on flats in Brighton (pictured above).

## Yard joins Europe anti-terror group

By RICHARD FORD AND STEWART TENDLER

SCOTLAND YARD detectives are joining the European Union's first anti-terrorist intelligence network to focus on Irish republican splinter groups, the Basque separatists ETA Islamic fundamentalists.

Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch and Special Branch and MI5 will route intelligence checks with other EU countries through a special clearing house. An EU-wide database will be built up so that suspects and their movements can be monitored.

The computerised clearing house will be linked to intelligence centres in each EU country. Police will be able to check quickly what other countries know about suspects. Anti-terrorist investigators hope the network will prevent terrorists slipping in and out of countries or hiding and secretly planning operations.

The network could lead to more cross-Europe operations

like the raids last month against Islamic groups by officers in Britain, France, Belgium and Germany. The network would also make it more difficult for Irish terrorists to strike in mainland Europe.

The network will be run by Europol, the EU's police intelligence centre based outside The Hague in The Netherlands. Europol is due to go fully operational within a year and so far has been restricted to mainstream criminal intelligence on drugs, money-laundering and arms dealing.

Last month Britain and other EU members agreed to extend the Europol remit to cover terrorism. At the moment countries exchange information on a bilateral basis and all EU police forces also meet regularly to discuss terrorism. The security services also have an ad hoc organisation known as the Club of Berne.

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# Salvation Army gets ready to march to different tune

Military-style ranks may be dropped under modernisation plan to boost recruitment, writes Ruth Gledhill

THE Salvation Army is considering far-reaching changes to its image and organisation because most people still think of it as a uniformed corps characterised by singing and brass bands.

Research published today shows that the army does not rate highly in public awareness as either a church or a charity. Most people have never given time or money to the Salvation Army, even though it is the country's biggest provider of social services outside of Government.

Under the proposals it would go the military-style epaulettes and the rule that army officers must be married to other officers. Changes could also be made to the strict regimental hierarchy and military ranks.

The army is considering the changes "to become proactive and project a forward-looking modern image".

The figures published today are from a survey of 2,200 adults by Harris research in March, which the army commissioned partly because the number of recruits is falling.

From a membership high of 124,000 salvationists or "soldiers" in 1947, the army now has just 43,000. Since this decline is no faster than in other churches, it may have causes other than the uniform or army structure.

But army leaders are still concerned that the age profile is increasing, with the numbers joining up as officers — equivalent to clergy in other denominations — too low to replace those retiring. Just 28

new officers were commissioned this year in the United Kingdom, while 40 years ago it was not unusual for more than 400 officers to be commissioned in a year.

The survey found that while 95 per cent of those questioned had heard of the Salvation Army, it was only "top of mind" as a charity for 8 per cent and "top of mind" as a church for 7 per cent.

Commissioner John Gowans, commander of the army in Britain, said: "There is nothing in the survey that condemns us to the rubbish tip. People still love the Salvation Army and think of it as a caring body. But on the negative side, some people describe us as Victorian, old-fashioned, old, unprofessional and simple."

He added: "The perception that we are a lot of amateurs needs correcting. It affects recruitment. If people think we are quaintly old-fashioned and not very bright, they will not want to join us. If they think we are not professional in our social work, they will not send us cheques to keep us going."

Commissioner Gowans said that, although there were still about 400 brass bands in the country, modern worship music was also widely used.

He said: "We need to tone down the military aspect of the army, although not throw it out, because aggressive warfare against injustice and bad things is a good Christian metaphor."

"We must modify the uniform so it looks less military. I would love to see epaulettes go. And we must demolish the idea that the commissioner clicks his fingers and everybody does what he says."

"We realise that if we play the dinosaur, we are going to become extinct."

The United Kingdom Territory is part of the Europe zone, which is the only area of the international army in decline. Later this year, the United Kingdom staff will move to a new building at the Elephant and Castle in South London. Plans are being considered either to demolish and redevelop the current 1960s headquarters in Queen Victoria Street in the City, or to sell them.

In another move to alter public perception and improve fundraising, the army will



New beat: a 1960s attempt to update the army's image

next month replace its "Grace before Meat" black collecting boxes with red cardboard or plastic boxes for use in homes and businesses.

The decision to replace the boxes, designed to stand on the table at mealtimes to remind families of those in need, came after research showed that one charity,

Scope, raised £650,000 from its 55,000 collection box sites while in 1995 the Salvation Army had just 54 "Grace before Meat" agents with an income of £4,500.

The new boxes will form part of the annual Red Shield appeal, which has yet to break the £3 million barrier, in spite of a £3.3 million target this

year. According to the latest Salvation Army accounts, the amount raised in the Red Shield appeal fell from £2.62 million in 1996 to £2.59 million last year.

However, there are no plans to change the name of the army, or to alter the "Blood and Fire" crest designed in 1879 by Captain William Ebdon, with swords representing the warfare of salvation and shots representing the truth of the Gospel.

Meanwhile, proposals to change the uniform or other symbols are already being criticised within the rank and file. Salvationists are particularly protective of the blue uniform, the colour representing the purity of God, and the flag, with the red representing the blood of Jesus and the yellow star the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Paula Marshall, a university student in Toronto, Canada, said: "I think it would be a huge mistake to get rid of the most visible symbol of the army. How would we be any different than any other church?"



Marking time: a bandswoman plays during Sunday shopping in Oxford St, London



Cap in hand: the army plans better fundraising

## Holy Soldiers pitched camp in East End

By Ruth Gledhill

THE Salvation Army was founded in 1865 by William Booth, a minister with the Methodist New Connexion, and his wife, Catherine.

Growing out of the missionary movement of the 19th century, itself a response to the Industrial Revolution, the army began as an evangelical group called the Christian Mission, reaching out to alcoholics, the poor and the unchurched in the East End.

The military structure evolved in 1878, when Booth became "the general" and officers' ranks were given to ministers. Booth, born in Nottingham and of Jewish ancestry, was apprenticed to a pawnbroker in 1842 but soon became a Methodist.

After a conversion experience he became a revivalist preacher, but the fire and passion of his sermons proved too much for the Methodists and he broke with them to set up his Whitechapel mission.

In his 1890 book, *In Darkest England and the Way Out*, he advocated that farm colonies and rescue homes be used to address the evils of poverty and social deprivation.

Booth was succeeded as general by his son, William Branwell Booth and the army spread rapidly across the world. It now has bases in more than 105 countries and preaches in 160 languages. It runs more than 3,000 hospitals, schools, hostels and other institutions, as well as disaster relief services, day care centres, summer camps, services for the elderly, shelters for battered wives, drug rehabilitation, correctional services, family

and career counselling and a family tracing service.

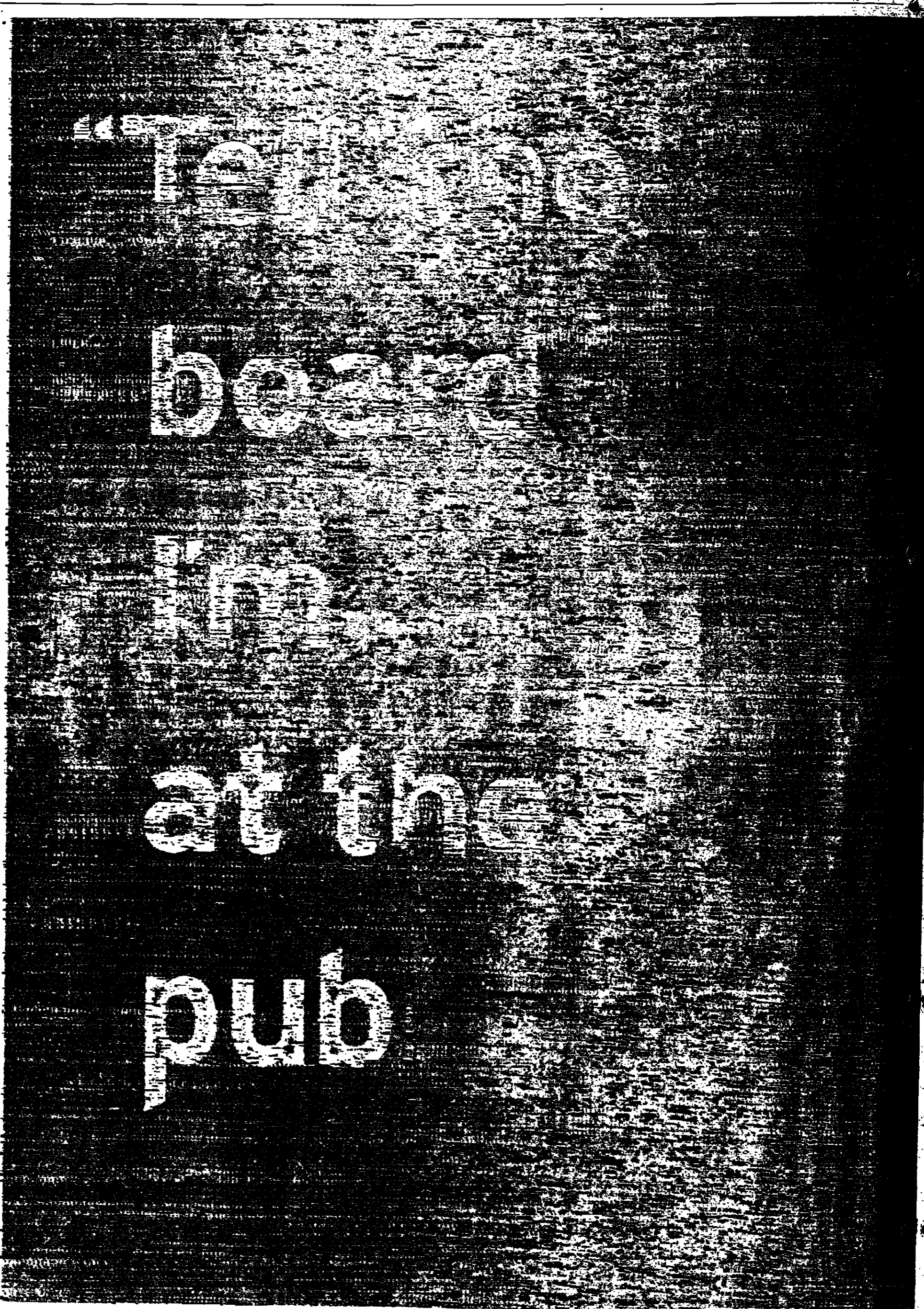
Worship, as reflected in the stories in its newspaper, *War Cry*, is non-sacramental and based on personal testimony and conversion.

Unquestioning obedience is demanded of all members. There are no plans to change the 11 basic points of army doctrine, which include the statement: "We believe that our first parents were created in a state of innocence, but by their disobedience lost their purity and happiness, and that in consequence of their fall all men have become sinners, totally depraved, and as such are justly exposed to the wrath of God."

The army also teaches that "repentance towards God, faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and regeneration by the Holy Spirit, are necessary to salvation" and that while the righteous can look forward to eternal happiness, "endless punishment" awaits the wicked.



Flying the flag: appeal income has been falling



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# Tributes as French sailing hero loses final battle with sea

By ANNIE FLURY

RESCUERS yesterday gave up hope of finding Eric Tabarly, the French yachtsman, alive. The 66-year-old fell into the sea 35 miles off the coast of Milford Haven, South Wales, at midnight on Friday.

Air and sea searches by British and French rescuers failed to find any trace of him. British coastguards said yesterday that there was no chance M Tabarly could have survived so long in the water and offered their condolences to his family. French aircraft continued to search the area for his body.

Lionel Jospin, the French Prime Minister, said everyone had been "deeply upset by this news", adding that M Tabarly was "the very symbol of yachting" for most French people. "He epitomised all the virtues of the seagoing life: pugnacity, uprightness and humanity."

Mark Clark, of Milford Haven coastguard, said: "The yachtsman had no lifejacket and no seaman can survive more than 12 hours in the water at temperatures of 11C (52). Sadly we have to presume he is



Tabarly: French national hero

a woman, who speak little English, threw a lifebuoy into the water and sent up an emergency flare.

The signal was spotted by one of the seven crew members on an Australian yacht, *Longobarda*, which went to within hailing distance of the French vessel.

Mr Clark said M Tabarly's "inexperienced" crew had not given the alert until the early hours of the morning. Their radio was not functioning and there was no satellite buoy on board.

He said: "They were novices and very distraught. They were very tired and it did not help that they could not speak a lot of English. They heard him shout for help and dropped a lifebelt over. They did not know quite what to do. Tabarly did not have a lifebelt or a lifeline."

M Tabarly gained fame for his many victories in solo ocean races in the 1960s and 1970s, and was instrumental in popularising ocean sailing in France. Born in Nantes, he became a naval officer in the late 1950s and has won several prestigious races with boats all named *Pen Duick*.



The crew. Antoine Costa, Erwan Quemere, Jacques-Andre Rebec and Candida Costa: "They were novices and very distraught"

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## Pregnant woman sprayed with CS gas may sue

By ANNIE FLURY

A WOMAN who suffered a miscarriage after she was squirted with CS spray is considering taking legal action against the police. Anna Marie Perry claims the spray was used to restrain her when she resisted arrest even though she warned officers she was eight weeks pregnant.

Ms Perry, 22, collapsed after she was sprayed and a doctor later said she had suffered a miscarriage probably caused by the fall. Lawyers believe Ms Perry has a strong case for compensation from Devon and Cornwall police.

Last week a judge told a jury it might have reason to reflect on its verdict after it acquitted a policeman who twice sprayed a pensioner with CS gas after he stopped on double yellow lines. The Home Secretary, Jack Straw, faced calls for an inquiry into the case at Luton Crown Court in which PC Andrew Taylor was acquitted of assault charges against Kenneth Whitaker.

Ms Perry, of Launceston, Cornwall, was put on probation for two years after being found guilty at Launceston Magistrates' Court of harassment and assaulting PC Arron Bevan. She admitted she be-

came abusive but added: "They should not have sprayed me and they have never said sorry. It is not me who has been punished."

The incident happened when an officer stopped Ms Perry and two male friends in Launceston saying he wanted to search one of the men for drugs. Ms Perry said: "I felt we were being stopped for the sake of it. We had not been taking drugs."

PC Bevan had told the court that Ms Perry became violent and started kicking out. Two other police officers were called and there was a fracas during which the spray was used.

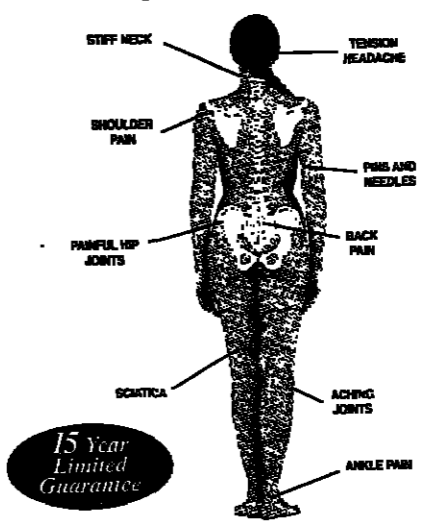
Ms Perry said: "It was horrible and I felt dizzy. I couldn't keep on my feet and I just fell over. I am still not convinced that I won't suffer any side-effects."

Lee Dawkins, a partner with the solicitors Slee Blackwell and Slee in Barnstaple, said: "I am sure this lady has a good case for compensation and I am sure we would get legal aid."

A spokesman for Devon and Cornwall police said no comment would be made unless Ms Perry made a claim.

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# Kohl demands cut in German payments to EU

TONY BLAIR will today oppose any cut in Britain's special rebate on EU spending when Chancellor Helmut Kohl delivers what is expected to be a stern warning to EU leaders at Cardiff that Germany expects a big drop in its contribution to the community's £60 billion budget.

A decision on revamping the EU treasury is not due until next year but a sour exchange on the share-out of costs among member states is guaranteed at today's session because German anger is being amplified by the campaign for general elections in September. Herr Kohl wants the summit to give formal recognition to the need for a drop in Germany's huge share, a move being particularly resisted by Spain and the southern states which benefit most from the present deal.

Herr Kohl is backed by the Netherlands, Sweden and Austria, which also want cuts in their contributions.

Pursuing a "money-back" campaign with echoes of the 1980s drive by Margaret Thatcher, the Chancellor is demanding a permanent reduction of about a third in Germany's net contribution. The British rebate, agreed by Margaret Thatcher in 1984, must be thrown into the negotiation, say the Germans. Mr Blair will insist that Britain will refuse to reopen discussion on its deal. "The British rebate has been very well established and we will hold to that," Mr Blair said on arrival in Cardiff last night.

**Budget debate will cast doubt on Britain's hard-won rebate.**  
**reports Charles Bremner**

"Obviously Germany will make its case as other member states will," he said.

Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, said: "The British rebate can only be changed by unanimous decision."

Herr Kohl's expected outburst will be largely discounted as aimed at his electorate, EU leaders officials say. However, the British rebate is certain to come under question when the hard negotiation starts next year for the budget that will accompany the start of the EU's expansion into the former Communist Bloc. Jacques Santer, President of the Commission, said on Friday: "Of course the British arrangement will be on the table."

By far the EU's biggest paymaster, Bonn paid about £7 billion net in contributions in 1996, the last year for which figures are available. Next biggest were the Netherlands with £1.6 billion, Britain with £1.4 billion (after the rebate is deducted), Sweden with £500 million and Austria with £180 million. Italy and France

more or less broke even and the rest were net beneficiaries. Britain's contribution is due to rise sharply to about £5.45 billion this year to compensate for underpayment last year caused by the rise in sterling's value.

Norman Lamont, the former Chancellor, yesterday backed Bonn, saying: "The fact that Germany wants to reduce its budget contribution should be welcomed. It shows that Germany is growing tired of being Europe's paymaster."

The budget will be hammered out as part of the package of reforms that include the common agriculture policy and regional aid. The Commission, backed by Britain and the northern states, wants overall spending to be held well below the current level of 1.27 per cent of gross domestic product. The southern bloc insists, however, that a higher figure is needed because of the heavy cost of taking in Poland, Hungary and five other much poorer central European states in the next few years.

The EU's financial watchdog has just added oil to the fire with a warning that the southern states would be handed a £9 billion per year bill if the northern states win their argument. The Court of Auditors also attacked the arithmetic which Germany used to prove its raw deals, failing to take note of the big return of funds through the single market.

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Farmers leave Cardiff Arms Park on their march through Cardiff. Welsh farmers' incomes fell by up to 80 per cent over the past two years.

## Rain fails to douse Welsh farmers' fury

By SIMON DE BRUELLES

IT WAS a sight that would have made many European leaders arriving for the Cardiff summit feel immediately at home: 8,000 angry farmers protesting in the rain.

But what might have given them some comfort was the target of farmers' hostility — not the EU politicians who banned British beef, but their own Government.

As they marched past Cardiff's city hall, venue of the two-day European summit, it was Jack Cunningham, the Agriculture Minister, who farmers wanted to whack over the head with a

wet welly. Earlier, the farmers had staged a pre-march pitch invasion during a rally at Cardiff Arms Park. There were cheers as Bob Parry, president of the farming union in Wales described Mr Cunningham as "the enemy within", whose principal allegiance was to the Chancellor, not the farmers.

Among the protesters were four women who had walked 52 miles from Brecon in driving rain to make their plea to the government.

The walkers, who call themselves Women in Agriculture, had sent nine sacks of unwashed children's Wellington boots to Mr Cunningham.

Mother-of-three Penny Abberley, who farms 220 acres near Sennybridge, said: "My 11-year-old son is determined to be a farmer and I want to ensure there still is a farming industry for him."

"We collected the wellies to make the point that the way things are going there may not be much need for them in future."

Incomes on Wales' 29,000 farmholdings have dropped by up to 80 per cent in the past two years. They have been hit by a double whammy of the BSE crisis and the strong pound.

They said the drop in farm incomes was even more dramatic than across

the English border. Norma Challenger, 52, who has 200 acres at Crickhowell, said: "We are not making any money, we carry on because we love it."

There were even more supporters of the Euro among the farmers than at the European summit down the road. George Lyon, president of the Scottish NFU, called for the government to state that it would join the European monetary union at the earliest opportunity. He said: "We would then see Sterling start to move towards a more realistic rate."

"It would do more to lift farming incomes than any other measure."

## Blair hopes for smooth exit at Cardiff after bumpy ride in EU chair

By CHARLES BREMNER

AFTER a bumpy turn in the EU's chair, Tony Blair aims to use today's Cardiff summit to give a British shove to the Union's drive to recast itself for the new century, but the 15 leaders will steer clear of real argument on the painful spending reforms on the horizon.

With no pressing deadlines and German elections in September, the EU leaders will be spared the

summit haggling which over the past three years has cleared the way for the single currency and the entry of 11 new members. Chancellor Helmut Kohl will put on record Germany's demand for a big cut in its budget contribution and Mr Blair will insist on keeping Britain's special rebate, but returns to the Common Agriculture policy and the overall budget will be left for the German presidency in the New Year.

Instead, the two-day gathering will look further into the future. The leaders are, for example, expected to take a first sounding on candidates to succeed Jacques Santer, the Commission president, in January 2001. Felipe Gonzalez, the former Spanish premier, tops the early betting. The summit's main job will be to find common ground on how to repair the Union's creaking machinery to equip it for the global economy and

make it less remote. Everyone agrees on the need for the repair but there are wide differences on the remedies.

Last week M Chirac and Herr Kohl lamented the EU's distance from its citizens and demanded curbs on the centralised bureaucracy. M Chirac returned to the charge yesterday, saying the EU's institutions "do not work very well and when we are more than 15 members they will not work at all".

Mr Blair has welcomed their apparent conversion to long-held British ideas, although their underlying goal is still closer political union. On Friday, Mr Santer deplored the "malaise" in the EU and accused Britain, France and Germany of shirking their duty while making a scapegoat of Brussels.

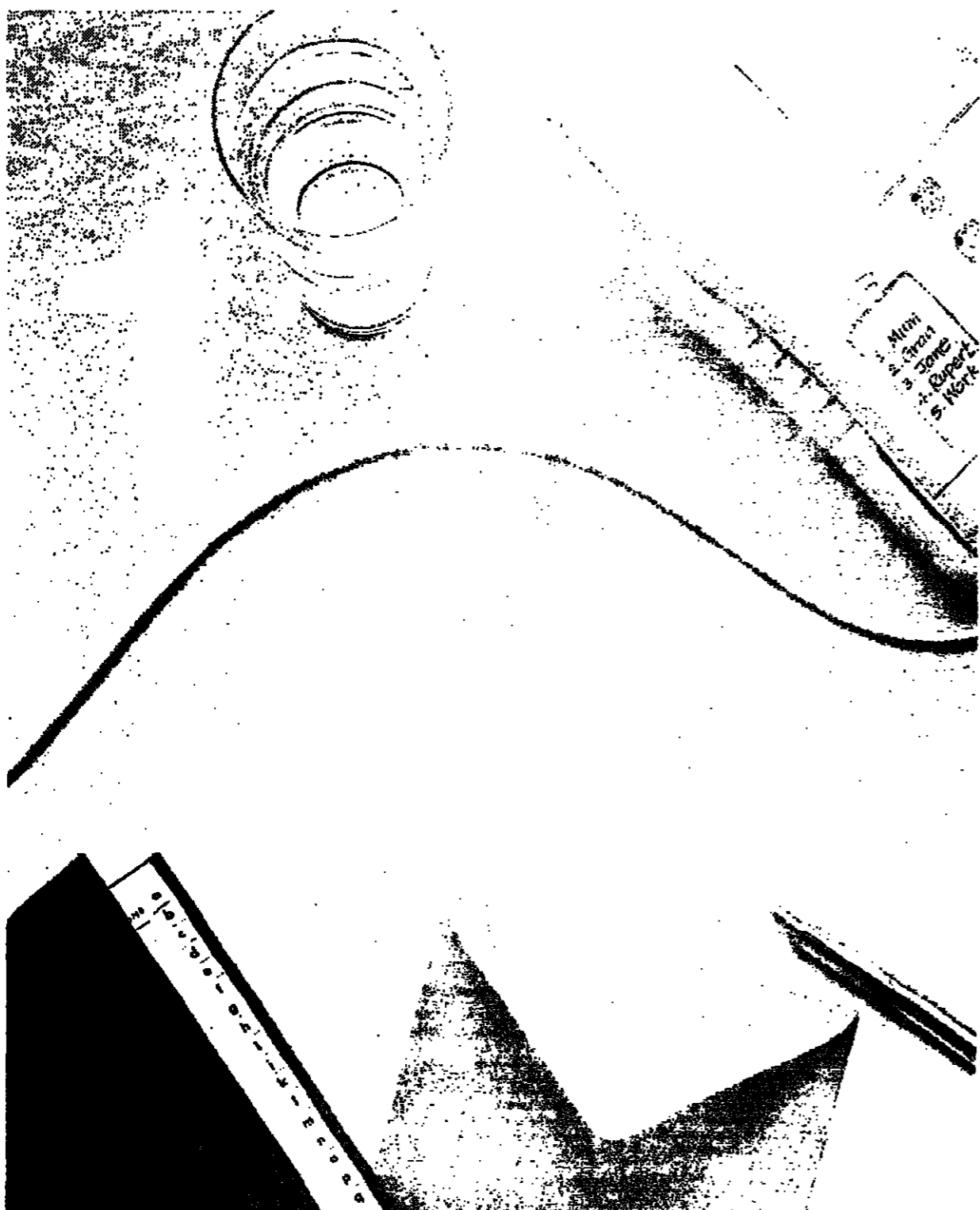
Mr Blair is keen to accelerate what he calls a new consensus about the need for more British-

style flexibility in the EU economy. He will make much of the national jobs programmes that will be given their first "peer review" at Cardiff and is expected to press a British scheme to open up the single market by forcing down Europe's relatively high consumer prices.

The prime minister wants to end his presidency with a clarion call for more economic and institutional reform, a goal that he sees as Cardiff's chief mission. "A presi-

dency establishes a sense of direction for the European Union," he said as he toured EU capitals last week, determined that Cardiff would offer no repeat of what he called the "messy" summit that launched the euro in Brussels last month.

However, the Government's approach, with its triumphalist claims to British leadership, has irritated the members, which still see London as half-hearted.



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# Time for Schroder to calculate risks of grand coalition arithmetic

**DORIS SCHRÖDER** surfs the internet on Saturday evenings for the Sunday newspaper headlines. "Look at this!" she called out during one of her sessions and her husband came to the door. The papers were leading with the Green Party's decision to push petrol prices up to DM5 (€1.70) a litre.

Gerhard Schröder exploded. He immediately understood the implications. Germans, in love with their cars, would instantly reject the Greens and any party that sought to make common cause with the environmentalists. A couple of months

## INSIDE GERMANY



BY ROGER BOYES

have passed since that evening and the Greens have tried to blot out the memory of that rash party conference resolution. But the damage

has been done. The Greens fell from 10 to 5 per cent in the polls and will be lucky to survive the September election.

Herr Schröder's Social Democrats, who had a 12 per cent lead over the ruling Christian Democrats, have seen their advantage melt to seven percentage points. Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, is still in with a chance and Herr Schröder can no longer play with a range of strategic possibilities. The Social Democrat-Green governing option has shrivelled; now most people are counting on a grand coalition between Social Democrats and Christian Democrats.

The grand coalition was last used as a way of easing out of the Konrad Adenauer era. It gave the Social Democrats a taste of power, helping to reassure Germans they were not a danger to the nation.

A grand coalition would allow Germany to shed Helmut Kohl without paying. The Social Democrats could slip into power after 16 years of opposition. And Gerhard Schröder — if the Social Democrats are the larger of the two parties — would be Chancellor.

As in the post-Adenauer years, there is an urgent need for reforms — in pensions, taxes and the health system —

that can only be introduced and implemented with cross-bench support.

Herr Schröder as Chancellor would probably have the current Defence Minister, Volker Rühe, the Christian Democrat, as Vice-Chancellor. The men are similar: Protestant northerners, pragmatic Atlanticists. Outside the Government but pulling strings there would be Herr Kohl's present right-hand man, Wolfgang Schäuble, and Oskar Lafontaine, the Social Democratic Party chairman.

If the arithmetic after election day is different, if the Christian Democrats just

manage to edge ahead of the Social Democrats, then the Chancellor is likely to be Herr Schäuble. His Vice-Chancellor would be Herr Lafontaine. Herr Schröder would return to Hanover as Prime Minister of Lower Saxony.

These are the games being played out in Bonn salons. Next Thursday, the summer party season begins with a big bash at the Lower Saxony representation in Bonn. Herr Schröder will rule the roost.

What will a grand coalition mean for the Germans? The coupling of two great parties inevitably breeds disappointed voters. No ordinary Social Democratic member fights a six-month election campaign with the idea of keeping the Christian Democrats in power. By the same token, Christian Democrats are doing their best to stake out their differences with the Social Democrats rather than spreading out a blanket on the grass for a joint picnic.

What happens to these frustrated voters? And to the political fringe?

The experience of the first grand coalition is rather frightening. A noisy extra-parliamentary opposition mobilised street protests, venting the anger of a young generation who believed themselves betrayed by the backroom conspiracies of their parents. A few of these protesters later became terrorists.

The next grand coalition will not necessarily spur violence on the political margins. But the perils are lurking nonetheless.

Herr Schröder, if he really has to head a grand coalition, must learn the lessons of history. Like Tony Blair, he says he wants to create a more inclusive society. How can he achieve that in a two-house government which excludes many other runners?

# Kohl brings his poll battle to EU summit

HELMUT KOHL today takes the German election campaign to Cardiff with an undiplomatic bagful of demands designed to rally domestic voters around his Christian Democratic Union.

The pressure is mounting on the Chancellor to create a summit showdown on Germany's contribution to the European budget. Margaret Thatcher's call for a rebate — "I want my money back" — is being taken up by German politicians and has coloured the agenda of the Chancellor as he enters his final summit before the September election.

The latest push comes in an interview, to be published in *Der Spiegel* magazine today with Edmund Stoiber, the Bavarian Prime Minister. The Bavarians have their regional elections on September 13, two weeks before the general election. For the Chancellor to do well, he needs a good result for Herr Stoiber and so the German leader has taken over some of the Eurosceptic edge of the Bavarians.

"We are paying too much into the budget and we are getting too little out," Herr Stoiber said. "Of course, as an economically strong country we Germans will always be net contributors. But we cannot accept that we pay almost two thirds of Europe's bills."

Herr Stoiber is insisting that Germany's net contribu-

The Chancellor will adopt Thatcher's style at Cardiff to deflect hatred of the euro, reports Roger Boyes

tion should be reduced. It has been assumed that the euro — still deeply unpopular — would be a central election issue and that the Chancellor would lose votes, especially to right-wing groups. The Chancellor's campaign strategists, however, assume most Germans will just simply accept the euro.

The trick is to turn German resentment about the scrapping of the mark away from the Chancellor and towards the European Commission.

The effect is to make the Chancellor, acknowledged as the mastermind of tighter European integration, into an anti-Brussels crusader.

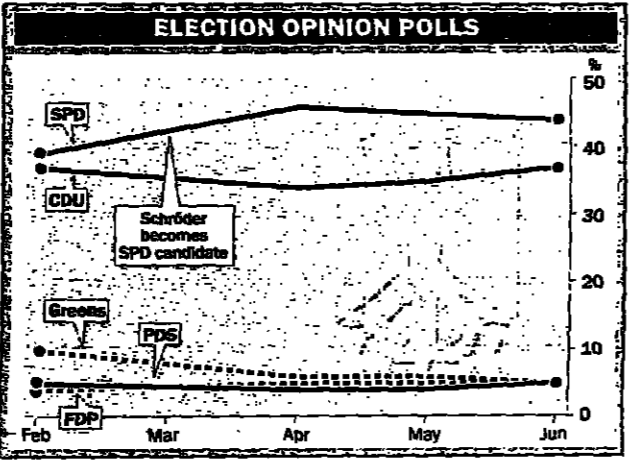
Both the Chancellor and Herr Stoiber are complaining about the excessive powers of the European Commission. "The Commission is interfering — at huge bureaucratic expense — in matters like safety standards on building sites or the size of the rope used to pull calves out of their stalls," Herr Stoiber said.

There are, of course, other emerging issues but Europe touches on all of them:

- Immigration: Germany's fear is that the Kosovo crisis will deteriorate so rapidly that between 150,000 and 250,000 ethnic Albanians would seek shelter in the country. The Government is urging European and Nato action.
- Organised crime: Dealing with that is one of the few issues in which the Christian Democrats are credited with more competence than the Opposition. The Chancellor needs a quick start-up to Europol, the European anti-crime network.
- Unemployment: It is edging down, partly thanks to large funds allocated for job-creation schemes. The Chancellor wants to see it drop by another 200,000 — to below four million — by election day. Even if he cannot achieve that, he can blame the European Commission for blocking subsidies to east Germany.

It is doubtful whether the Government will be seriously challenged by the voters on any of its assumptions. Rather, the Social Democrats will try to steer the debate into areas where voters consider it to be clearly more competent — on pensions, jobs and reforming the health system.

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Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, and Gerhard Schröder, his Social Democrat challenger in the September election

# Murdoch rejects 'meddling' claim

RUPERT MURDOCH yesterday tried to calm German concern that he was about to turn his newspaper and television companies into cheerleaders for Gerhard Schröder, Helmut Kohl's challenger.

In an interview with *Der Spiegel* magazine, published today, Mr Murdoch — chairman and chief executive of The News Corporation, parent company of *The Times* — fended off criticism that he meddles with the daily political coverage of his newspapers, although he did confess to persuading *The Sun* to back Tony Blair. Can you imagine, asked *Spiegel*, that the German Chancellor was not particularly happy to have Mr

Murdoch in the country because of the fear of headlines declaring "Vote for Schröder"? Mr Murdoch, in Germany to address a media conference, replied: "People are sometimes a bit paranoid. I admire Chancellor Kohl for his achievements in reunifying Germany and his political stamina. But he is responsible for the economic impasse, the high taxes and the social costs which are making it so difficult for Germany to keep up in the modern world." The Chancellor knew what had to be done so did the SPD. The question was who was strong enough to push through changes. Mr Murdoch was last night invited to dinner by Herr Schröder. "I don't interfere with *The Times* or with *The Sunday Times*," Mr Murdoch said. "But I do it with *The Sun*. I sit down with the journalists and we throw ideas around. I needed some time to convince them that Blair was the better candidate."

He had no regrets about rejecting the memoirs of Chris Patten, the former Governor of Hong Kong. "It would have been something else if I had gone to *The Times* and told it. 'Don't write about this or that dissident.' But this was only about a book. I found his views wrong. I saw no point in irritating the Chinese, because we really did want to expand in China."

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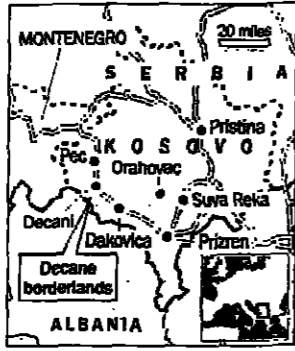
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# Designer-label guerrillas join Albanian fight

FROM TOM WALKER  
IN PEC

SEVERAL thick plumes of smoke rose from ethnic Albanian clan compounds freshly torched by Yugoslav forces yesterday. The effort to push Kosovo Liberation Army guerrillas from the Decane region was continuing despite ultimatum to President Milosevic by the six-nation Contact Group, Canada and Japan.



A 30-strong Yugoslav army convoy speeding from Pec to Decane largely comprised soldiers in camouflage uniform and floppy hats known as Cobras by the Belgrade tabloids. Their wilder colleagues stood masked in the backs of pick-ups and Land Rovers, training their machineguns on the KLA-infested countryside. One transporter carried an armoured personnel carrier that a former officer said had been stolen from Dutch UN troops in Bosnia.

The road south to Dakovica stayed open only until dusk, when a fresh exchange of fire with KLA guerrillas put hundreds of troops and police stretched along the 25-mile route back on full alert.

Elsewhere, an uneasy calm descended on Kosovo as both sides apparently waited for the outcome of Mr Milosevic's trip today to see his wavering ally within the Contact Group, President Yeltsin of Russia. The KLA took advantage of

the hiatus to beef up its presence in the triangle of land above Prizren, in the far south, where the officers in charge of the security clampdown say they wish to strike next.

The police are like Aids, they're everywhere," said a contemptuous KLA commander at a new guerrilla checkpoint that has metamorphosed outside Suva Reka, previously thought to be a safe Serb-controlled zone on the Pristina to Prizren road. "If they show themselves so much, then we're going to do the same." Wearing a black Versace shirt and Calvin Klein jeans, he was one of a growing breed of sophisticated KLA fighters, far removed from the peasant farmers who make up the bulk of the guerrilla force.

The commander said the KLA was on the point of planning its own offensives for the first time, and the garage behind the checkpoint bristled with fighting equipment, in-

cluding Yugoslav Zolja anti-tank rockets. "You didn't see that," he said.

As we drove along the backtracks snaking through a landscape of rolling vineyards and dry stone walls between Suva Reka, Oraovac and Dakovica, shopkeepers dashed to our Land Rover, pushing drinks and biscuits through the window. The Albanians, now given to frequent toasts in honour of Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, are evidently well pleased with the recent work of the international community. "We are preparing for independence, have a nice day, sir," said one KLA interpreter.

By contrast, Pec provided a salutary reminder of the power the Serbian state can exert over a predominantly Albanian population, of which there were few traces by seven in the evening. Serbian folk music blared from bars populated by paramilitaries, burly youths and police, while Ministry of the Interior vehicles prowled the deserted streets.

Albanians who arrived at a secret rendezvous said Pec had been cut off from Kosovo for more than two weeks. They repeated stories in the Albanian press alleging that a mass desertion of Yugoslav army recruits had been prevented by the police, who were now guarding the barracks against further breakouts.



Ethnic Albanians protest in Vienna yesterday against the Serb crackdown in Kosovo, where Yugoslav forces continued their onslaught

# US teams mount watch on road to Kosovo

BY JAMES PETTIFER  
IN KUKES, ALBANIA  
AND MICHAEL BINYON

AMERICAN technical experts are moving into Kukes, a strategically important town in northeast Albania as part of Nato's Balkan mobilisation.

Teams to survey the remote mountain terrain are moving along the border with Serbia. They plan to install electronic surveillance systems to protect Albania's border and any future Nato ground troops.

The US team has taken over one of Kukes's two hotels and looks set for a long stay. But the Americans make no

secret of the difficulties of their task, or how long it may take before the system is operational.

Kukes is in windswept bandit country on the main road to the heart of Kosovo. Walls in the town carry pro-Kosovo Liberation Army slogans.

The Tirana Government has virtually no authority here. Nato planners face a lack of reliable electricity and water in most places.

Meanwhile, British Jaguar fighters will take to the skies around Kosovo today in a show of force to reinforce a warning that President Yeltsin will deliver in Moscow to President Milosevic. The Serb leader will be told

he must halt the bloody repression immediately. The RAF planes will take part in a live fire exercise, codenamed "Determined Falcon", which begins today over Albania and Macedonia.

The aim is to demonstrate Nato's ability to project air power rapidly into the region, according to Javier Solana, the Nato Secretary-General. About 40 warplanes and helicopters from several Western air forces will take part, including six Jaguars sent to the region on Friday. The British planes were yesterday waiting in Italy.

The exercise is timed to coincide

with the Serb leader's two-day visit to Moscow, where the Russians will warn him of Western determination to use force if he does not halt the military crackdown and seek negotiations on autonomy with the leaders of Kosovo's Albanian majority.

Russia dissociated itself from new sanctions and the threat of Nato intervention agreed by other members of the Contact Group in London on Friday. But Moscow knows that America and its allies will not wait long for a response from Mr Milosevic, drawing the lesson from Bosnia that any threat should immediately be carried out if it fails to deter.



Hospice de Beaune auction prices are under threat

# Ferment over doctored wine spreads to Burgundy

FROM BEN MACINTYRE  
IN PARIS

ONE of the most famed wine-makers in Burgundy has admitted adding both sugar and acid to its 1997 wines, sending the French wine industry into fresh ferment two weeks after a major scandal erupted in Bordeaux over allegations of doctored wine.

Officials at the Hospice de Beaune, the 450-year-old vineyards boasting such appella-

tions as Meursault, Corton and Montrachet, admitted what they had done to the *Liberation* newspaper.

Under certain conditions wine-makers may introduce small amounts of either sugar or acid to wine, but adding both substances to the same wine is banned under French and EU regulations.

Antoine Jacquet, director at the Hospice since 1988, insisted he had stuck to the spirit of the law and said such prac-

tices are common and legal among "New World" wine-makers. "It is forbidden to acidify and chaptalise [add sugar to] the same product at the same time, but the procedure was carried out in two separate phases," he said.

Sugar was mixed with the crushed grapes at the start of fermentation to increase alcohol content and acid was not added until the wine was in barrels, Andre Porchet, chief supervisor at Hospice de

Beaune, said. "So it was not the same product."

The Bordeaux wine industry is still reeling from allegations that officials at the renowned Chateau Giscours in Bordeaux added milk, water, acid and wine from inferior vineyards to a 1995 vintage.

The annual wine auction at the Hospice de Beaune, a 140-acre vineyard originally founded as a hospital for the poor, is a major event in the wine industry calendar, con-

sidered a key indicator of the quality and value of the year's harvest. At last November's auction at the Hospice, prices rose by a staggering 47 per cent and a total of £2.1 million was raised.

Other Burgundy wine-makers have rallied round the Hospice de Beaune, while some wine experts say the news is further proof that the complex laws governing French wine-making are restrictive and old-fashioned.

"This law is out of date and should have been repealed ages ago. I am satisfied with the way wine-makers in Burgundy have chosen to interpret it," Helier Berthouet of the Cote d'Or Winegrowers Association in Burgundy said.

With customers paying about £50 a bottle for Hospice de Beaune's 1997 Bâtard Montrachet, the mere suggestion rules are being "interpreted" rather than obeyed could prove disastrous.

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**WORLD IN BRIEF**

## 200 drown in Bissau escape

Two hundred people fleeing the fighting in Guinea-Bissau were reported to have drowned when their boat capsized on its way to the Bijagos islands (Our Foreign Staff writes). The disaster happened as shelling was renewed between government and rebel troops in the capital, Bissau.

In London, the Foreign Office said up to 15 Britons were to fly out on a flight arranged by American authorities, but there was confusion over the number of Britons caught up in the fighting.

**Habibie upbeat**

Jakarta: President Habibie of Indonesia has forecast a turnaround for his country within a year or two, despite its economic problems. He also ruled out independence for East Timor. (AP)

**Architect dies**

Sao Paulo: Architect Lucio Costa, a pioneer of Latin American Modernism who designed Brasilia, the Brazilian capital, has died at his home in Rio de Janeiro, aged 96, his family said. (Reuters)

**Kidnap tit-for-tat**

Moscow: Shamil Basayev, the Chechen Prime Minister, says hostage-takers' families should themselves be seized until kidnap victims are freed. Two Britons are among 55 hostages being held. (AFP)

**Baby acid case**

Chicago: An American couple in their twenties has been charged with the first-degree murder of their 16-month-old daughter and then putting her body in a pot of battery acid, police said. (AP)

**Mayor's eyrie**

New York: Rudolph Giuliani, Mayor of New York, plans a \$9 million bulletproof bunker on the 23rd floor of the World Trade Center complex so that he can manage disasters which hit the city. (AP)

## Queen opens bridge

Copenhagen: Queen Margrethe of Denmark, left, yesterday inaugurated Europe's longest suspension bridge over part of the Great Belt waterway between eastern and western Denmark (Christopher Follett writes). People from Copenhagen can now drive to Europe without having to get on a ferry.

The four-mile bridge connects the Danish islands of Zealand, on which Copenhagen stands, and Funen, both at the mouth of the Baltic. With a free span of 5,320ft, the suspension bridge rises 236ft above sea level. Its central pylons are 833ft above the water. It is the world's second longest suspension bridge.

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# Anti-Asian party has Australian election success

PAULINE HANSON, the former owner of fish and chip shop, sent shock waves through Australian politics yesterday, at scoring an extraordinary success in the Queensland lie election.

Her One Nation party, which wants end to immigration and cuts to welfare payments for Aborigines, attracted a quarter of the votes and a 30 percent swing. Last night the party was expected to win up to 25 seats in the 89-member parliament, guaranteeing the balance of power.

The swing her support will almost certainly delay the plans of Howard, the Prime Minister, to call an early general election. "It would be best for either the government coalition or the opposition Labor Party to ignore every strong showing of One Nation," he said. "There are clear lessons to be learnt from the result."

Such unprecedented support for new political party virtual ensures it Senate seats the next general election. It is the social and

## Breakthrough in Queensland rattles rivals nationally, says Roger Maynard

economic implications, however, that are now Australia's greatest worry.

The tourism industry, already battered by falling numbers because of the Asian financial meltdown, fears the One Nation factor will have an even greater effect than it did before, because of its leader's anti-Asian views. Ms Hanson wants severe restrictions on immigration, particularly among Asians, whom she accuses of failing to assimilate into Australian society.

Financial analysts fear that the Hanson factor could further drive down the Australian dollar and force up interest rates. Even more fundamentally, hopes for reconciliation between white Australians and indigenous people have nose-dived.

Ms Hanson wants cuts in Aboriginal welfare spending and changes to native title legislation. Indigenous groups yesterday said One Nation's

success was a disaster for Australia. Les Malezer, an Aboriginal activist, said: "If the major parties are going to stop this sort of romp that's occurring in Queensland flowing on into national politics, they're going to have to stand up directly against her and expose the lies that she's been saying."

The principal parties, which lost many of their traditional supporters to Hanson candidates, must now change their policies or watch their popularity dwindle further. The conservative National Party was yesterday urged at its New South Wales annual conference in Orange, New South Wales, to adopt some of One Nation's policies.

Many observers believe that Australia's international reputation will be tarnished by the success of One Nation. But as *The Sun-Herald* in Sydney reported yesterday, "like her or not, Pauline Hanson is now a fact of Australian political life". David Enthridge, One Nation's national director, said: "We've kicked the door in and we've come through."

One Nation's followers, many of them old, unemployed or simply disenchanted, believe the mainstream parties have let them down. They see Ms Hanson, while strong on rhetoric and weak on policy detail, as the answer.



Pauline Hanson at home in Ipswich, Queensland, receives calls from supporters after gaining the balance of power in the state with anti-immigration policies



The Neo-Classical British Embassy in central Moscow

# Cook defends £80m Moscow embassy plan

By MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE Foreign Office has hit back at Treasury attempts to cut the budget for a new embassy in Moscow, saying that the £80 million cost is value for money.

Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, is expected to rebuff any attempt by Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, to alter plans to modernise one of Britain's top posts in the world or win party favour by portraying the diplomats' lifestyle as lavish.

The new embassy, agreed more than ten years ago, will replace a beautiful but impractical building facing the Kremlin across the Moscow River that is now so cramped that some diplomats are working in portable rooms attached to the back windows. A new unit co-ordinating the fight against drugs and organised crime with the Russians operates from a hut in the garden.

With 100,000 Russians visiting Britain each year, the Moscow embassy urgently needs room for more consular staff and to deal with the crowds. The cost of the new building has been criticised as excessive in the run-up to the new public spending round. Margaret Hodge, Labour MP for Barking, visited Moscow last month and complained to Mr Cook that the new project cost "a fortune". Derek Fatchett, a Foreign Office minister, told Ms Hodge that the Government was committed to moving the embassy from its present site under an agreement signed in 1987.

The new building, on a vacant site beside the Moscow River, will be purpose-built

and will include flats for 31 diplomats, saving huge sums in rent.

Construction costs will be increased by having to import components from the West. Since the fiasco of the new US Embassy, which had to be torn down when it was found that bricks supplied by the Soviet Union were riddled with electronic bugs, no Western embassy in Moscow now uses local builders for major construction.

Britain and Russia have been negotiating a new embassy for 50 years, ever since Stalin tried to evict the British from the Kharitonenko man-

6 A new unit to co-ordinate the fight against drugs and crime operates from a hut ?

sion, an elegant Neo-Classical residence built 100 years ago by a sugar merchant. Acquired in 1929 after use as a Foreign Ministry guest house, it serves as an embassy and residence for the envoy.

The building, acknowledged as one of the best preserved in Moscow, will now be used solely as a residence. The elegant reception rooms, with tapestries, carved wooden panelling or ornate gold plasterwork, will serve as showcase rooms for trade receptions, exhibitions or entertaining.

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# UN presses on with plan for new war crimes court

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME



Bino: wants one court

A UNITED NATIONS conference will today lay the groundwork for a new International Criminal Court (ICC) to prosecute and punish war crimes, genocide and "crimes against humanity", despite mounting criticism that such a tribunal will be unworkable and subject to political manipulation.

The concept of an international war crimes court first arose at the end of the Second World War. Because of the difficulty of deciding what constitutes a war crime, or a "crime against humanity" — let alone who should prosecute

such cases — the international machinery of justice has been largely confined to the International Court of Justice in The Hague, founded in 1946, supplemented by ad hoc tribunals such as those for Rwanda and Bosnia. The Hague court only deals with inter-state disputes, such as territorial or border questions, and is limited because not all states accept its authority.

Emma Bonino, the European Commissioner for Humanitarian Affairs, said it was "absurd" that war crimes could only be dealt with by ad hoc courts. "It has become quite the fashion," Signora Bonino said as delegates from 186 countries and 260

non-governmental organisations gathered in Rome for the month-long diplomatic conference. "You know — let's have one tribunal for Saddam Hussein, another one for Pol Pot. But justice is not divisible, it is an integral part of the search for global peace and stability."

UN officials said the Rome conference, held at the palatial headquarters of the UN Food and Agricultural Organisation, would hammer out a compromise between some small and medium-sized states which want the new court to be independent, and the United States, China and France, which want it to be firmly under the

control of the UN Security Council, with America and Russia pushing for the council's permanent members to have the power of veto over which alleged cases of genocide or human rights abuse are prosecuted. Britain has taken a cautious line on the ICC, but at the UN General Assembly last December gave it broad support.

A number of countries, such as Iran, oppose the ICC altogether, suspecting that it will be used by the Western powers to bolster opponents of authoritarian systems. The new court is intended to be operational by 2002, probably with its headquarters in Rome.

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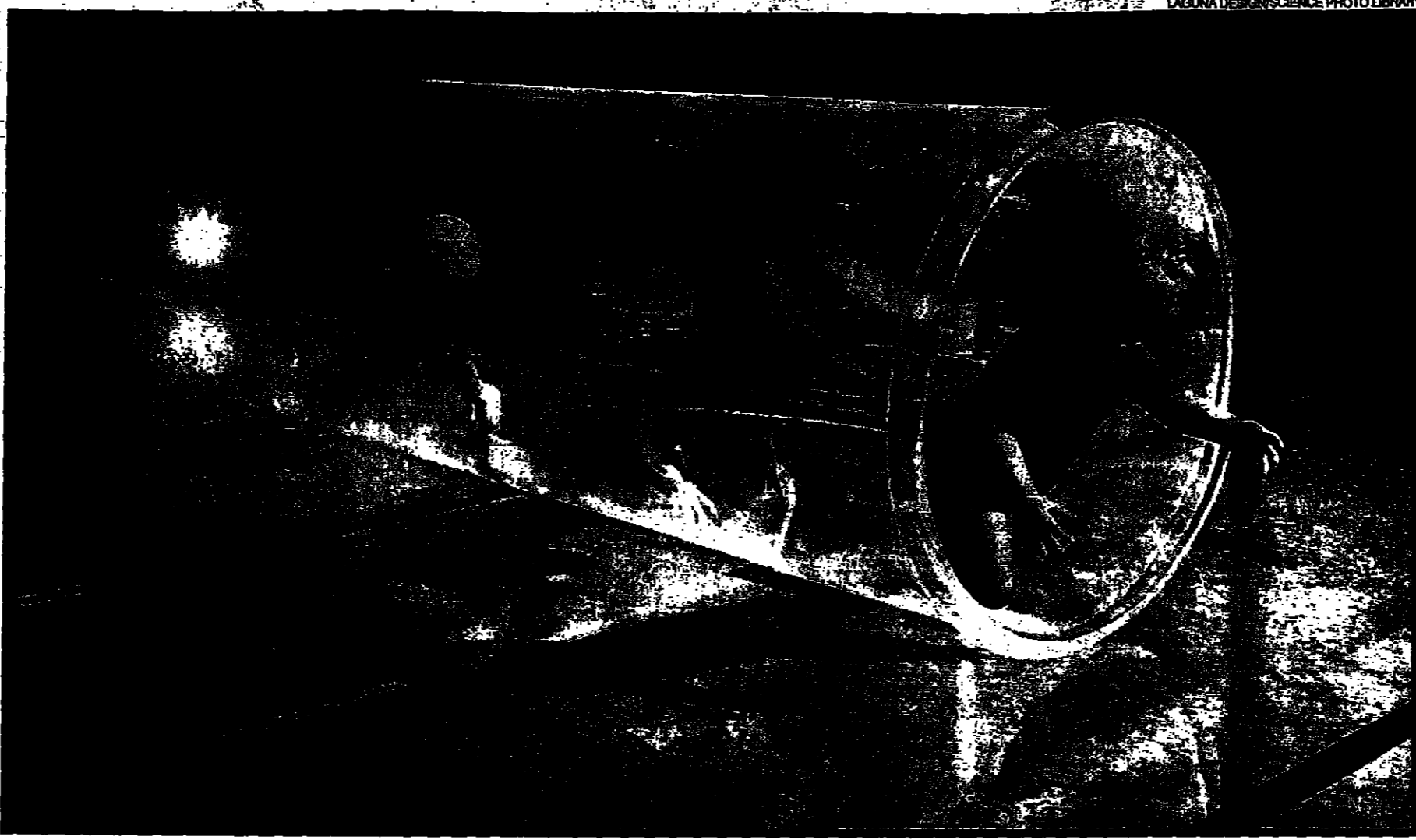




# Why cloning would be inhuman

After the Dolly experiment Dr Alan Colman reassesses the case for human cloning

In February last year my colleagues and I announced the arrival of Dolly the sheep, the first mammal cloned from an adult cell. The scientific community's reaction was, on the whole, friendly. The public's reaction, by contrast, was extremely negative, primed to some extent by a media wheeze in a diet of cloning scare stories and pulp fiction. The issue was not that this new technology created a freak animal; after all, Dolly is, and remains, a rather handsome sheep. It was the fear that the techniques could be applied to humans that provoked the frenzied debate.



A birth too far... animal experiments could result in immense benefits, but the same techniques used on human beings are too risky, says Dr Alan Colman

There was a genuine gut reaction in many people to news of Dolly, which seem undiminished in its intensity. A affront to nature, a blasphemy (man playing God) — such predictable comments were often made. But we should recognise that human reproduction is a sensitive topic and a new method that has an impact on human reproduction will always be greeted with fear and revulsion by the majority who have no problems procreating.

have evaporated and great joy has been brought to some couples. But controversy remains in the very low success rates seen in IVF and in the disputes that can arise over legal paternity between a child's biological and non-biological parents. Though cloning would further complicate the legal issues, this is not grounds for banning it. Charges that man is playing God are — in my view — easily dismissed because so long as he has been able to intervene in nature, he has been playing God. Medical practice is just one example of intervention.

As to the cloning of dictators and celebrities, or the manufacture of a super race, it must be restated that genetic identity does not guarantee identical personality and behaviour. These uses, along with the cloning of dead loved ones, are unethical; they dehumanise the new individual because he or she can be considered the product of an assembly line.



Dolly: caused a furor

before the birth of Louise Brown, the first test-tube baby. So far as I know, she was allowed a childhood free from media and other invasive scrutiny. I just do not believe that man-made clones would be granted the same freedom to develop and therefore, I say that human cloning using adult cells is unethical. I believe cloning is unsafe. The process that led to Dolly began with the transfer of the nucleus of an adult cell to an unfertilised egg taken from a donor animal by a process known as cell fusion.

experiments, some of the lost foetuses were abnormal. Just think of the huge waste of material and human suffering such a low success rate would imply. On top of this there are grounds for believing that as we get older, our cellular DNA (the building block of our genes) gradually accumulates mutations and suffers other changes, which account for the fact that we are increasingly likely to develop cancer as we get older. This might also explain how our cells, and thus our bodies, are affected by ageing. A person cloned from an adult cell might have a higher risk of cancer or premature ageing — but we wouldn't know that for years. Is society prepared to take that risk?

too many differences between mammals and their reproductive physiology and embryology to be sure that no deformed infant would be born. No doctor could take that risk. Cloning would join Thalidomide in the teratogenic hall of infamy. All new medical advances are potentially unsafe, and no progress would be made if safety alone was the only issue. But risk-to-benefit ratios are always considered before new treatments are sanctioned. Their application to new productive treatments are particularly problematic. Whose risk are we talking about, that of the egg donor, womb donor or the unborn child? Perhaps the only reasonable case for human cloning is when the prospective mother suffers from a genetic disease not attributable to the main body of genes found in the nucleus, but to genes elsewhere in the cell (the mitochondria). With all existing methods of conception, both natural and assisted, all children of such women would inherit the disease-causing genes.

A case has been made for such women conceiving normally and then allowing a cell from the doomed embryo to be fused to the fertilised egg from a healthy human egg donor. If successful, this would result in a child free from the disease which has a unique genetic blueprint and one made up from equal contributions from the original couple (apart from the offending non-nuclear genes). The fact that such an early donor cell would be used might avoid the risk of accumulated DNA damage. Even so, with a frequency of mitochondrial disease of one in 20,000, I believe that the procedural risk greatly outweighs the benefit. So human cloning is, and will, I hope, continue to be unethical. A child so "manufactured" — and that I believe is the appropriate term, could be a 21st-century circus act. Even if the child's uniqueness is not compromised, the technique is unsafe and inefficient and the risks greatly outweigh any marginal benefit. The question of whether the research should have been done is often asked. The answer has to be an unequivocal yes. There is an immense potential for non-human cloning work to provide insight and benefit for the human condition.

THE wings of tropical butterflies can manipulate light in ways that are the envy of physicists. The brilliant iridescent colours of the wings are created not simply by pigments, but by a combination of interference, diffraction and reflection of light. Tiny structures comparable in scale to the wavelength of light can perform feats unmatched in any laboratory. But with the butterfly's help, physicists hope to use some of the same tricks to design circuits based on light, rather than electrons. They are working on photonic bandgap structures, materials that can route, reflect and filter light of specific wavelengths. The structure is made by etching arrays of tiny holes in semiconductor wafers like those used for electronic circuits. Those made so far operate in the infrared region of the spectrum, but the journal *Opto* and *Laser Europe* says butterflies can do much better. Research at Peter Univers-

## As light as a butterfly



SCIENCE BRIEFING Nigel Hawkes

ity has shown some tropical butterflies have structures in their wings that can operate in the blue and even ultraviolet regions of the spectrum. In blue light, says Dr Roy Sambles, the head of the university's thin-film photonics group, the wings reflected up to 75 per cent of the light falling on them, with a huge angular spread. "We want to find out how nature achieves such colour reflectivity and if the results in the visible region of the spectrum will give new ideas for other wavelengths."

## Nobody wins by a nose



THE strips of sticky tape that some athletes wear across their noses in the hope that it will improve their performance do no good, a study of people exercising at the University of Buffalo has shown. The strips aim to improve airflow through the nose by forcing the nostrils to flare. In fact, many athletes wear them too far up the nose to have any such effect, but even when correctly worn they do not work, says Professor Frank Cerny, who presented the results of his study last Friday at a meeting of the American College of Sports Medicine. Professor Cerny used volunteers working on an exercise bicycle to measure the point at which an athlete shifts from breathing through the nose to breathing through the mouth

as the intensity of the effort of exercise increases. The strips had no effect, showing that they did not make nasal breathing during intense exercise any easier, and did not enhance performance. Only those who suffer asthma might benefit, he thinks. The strips do improve nasal flow during low-intensity exercise, enabling people to go on breathing through their noses for longer. This helps asthmatics because the inhaled air is warmed more efficiently if it comes through the nose, making it less likely to trigger an attack of asthma.

## A matter of perception



A WALNUT-sized structure deep in the brain is responsible for helping us decide if someone looks shifty. The amygdala, a primitive part of the brain, has already been linked with the perception of fear, but a team from the University of Iowa has taken it a stage further. They showed people 100 photographs of individuals and asked them if they thought they looked trustworthy, and whether they would strike up a conversation with them on the street. People who had suffered damage to both sides of their amygdala found all of the dodgiest-looking were the dodgiest-looking ones.

Dr Antonio Damasio, who reports the results in *Nature*, says that when asked to base judgments on short biographies rather than visual appearance, those with damaged amygdalas do perfectly well. So it looks as though the amygdala is responsible for snap judgments, made almost instinctively. He speculates that the amygdala may be involved in autism, a disorder in which sufferers find it hard to understand people.



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# Camouflage with flower power

The weather has been so terrible that it makes little difference whether you wear your bikini during the day or night. Either way you will not get a tan. We intended to photograph them as the sun went down. In fact, the sun neither rose nor fell. Never mind, it's amazing what a whopping great flash can do.

In any case, the lighting was better than in the average changing room, where an ugly glow tends to dapple the skin, highlighting stretch marks and cellulite. It takes a leap of imagination to believe you will ever look anything but awful. At times like these a loud floral bikini seems a terrible idea. This is the wrong attitude. The more pattern, the more camouflage. The eye is drawn to fabric rather than flesh. There are other good reasons for wearing floral bikinis. They're cheerful, unpretentious and very, very English. You can wear them in the garden and look kitsch, at Hunstanton, and look witty, or on the Riviera, and look like everyone else. The louder and naffer the pattern, the better. In fact, bikinis are the great exception to fashion. Sometimes the craze is for tiny swatches of fabric suspended from silver threads, some-

Nothing can distract like a floral print, says Grace Bradberry, Style Editor

times for shorts and bra combos that wouldn't disgrace the Olympic running track. Whatever, the devoted bikini wearer knows what suits her and buys it year in, year out. The best bikinis are not only trend-defying but also gravity-defying: they hoist up, push in and pull out while appearing to be barely there. Of course, some of the best will also cost an arm and a leg.

You can't always spend your way to a good fit, however. Often it's a matter of plain old leg work — stepping out of one bikini and into the next until you find the best for you.

If you can find a cheap one, buy it. Unless you plan to avoid all contact with salt water, sand, pebbles and rough wooden boat seats — in which case you have missed the point of holidays — then an expensive swimsuit may soon look the same as a cheap one. Snags will pucker those pricey slips of fabrics (some bikinis work out at around £10 per square inch) and sand will wreck the texture. It's not worth it. Buy a nice cheap bikini — but not one that's too rock bottom, so to speak — a little thought should have gone into its construction.

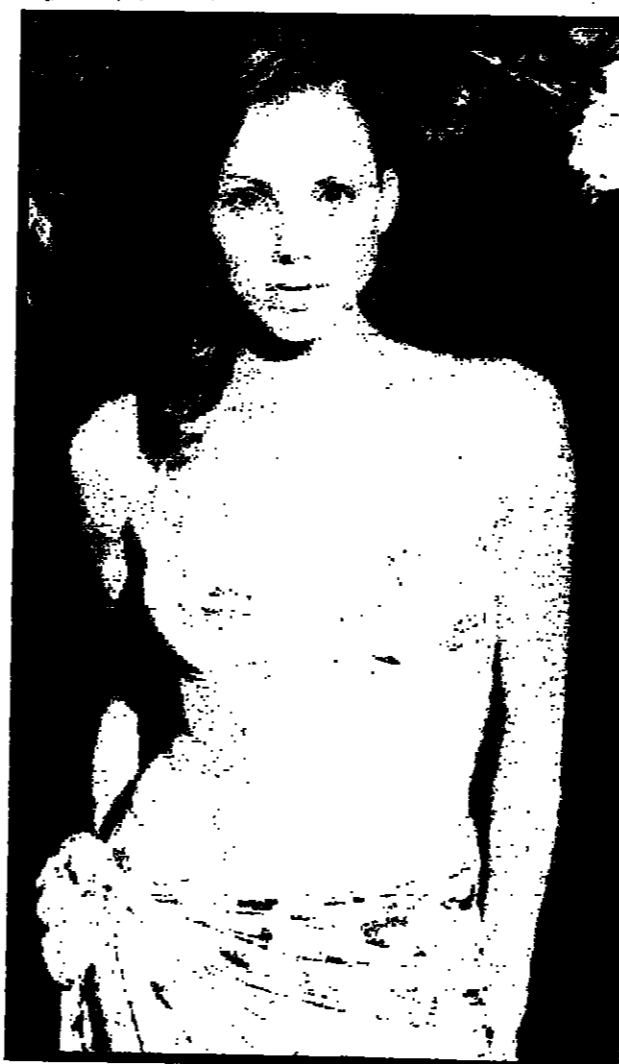
The most expensive on this page is by Huit, the French swimwear company that specialises in little tiny finery things that still provide



Floral bikini, £22.99, by Next, 0116 284 9424; Hairclip, £19.95, by Johnny Loves Rosie, at Fenwick, New Bond Street, London W1

Baroque buttoning. The cheapest is by La Redoute, the French mail order catalogue. Knickerbox has come up trumps again with another great pattern, while Next still does bargain swimwear better than most. A Sixx bikini is less expensive than you might fear.

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# Yes, there is someone watching you — the boss

Next time you write on your computer the words "sex", "bored", or "boss", you may be unwittingly sounding an alarm on a new office surveillance system that allows your bosses to spy on everything you type.

Paranoid? You will be, as the modern workplace descends into a den of electrified suspicion that puts more and more workers on the payroll of Big Brother.

The Desktop Surveillance programme, to be launched this week, is a response to last month's report showing that 84 per cent of fraud was committed by company employees. Although some office workers are obviously engaged in the kind of criminal subterfuge that may be curbed by the new programme, others have already been subjected to a range of nervous twitches from bosses who are not above rifling through their subordinates' e-mail, listening to their telephone calls, and training CCTV cameras on them. The result is a growing lack of trust between management and workforce.

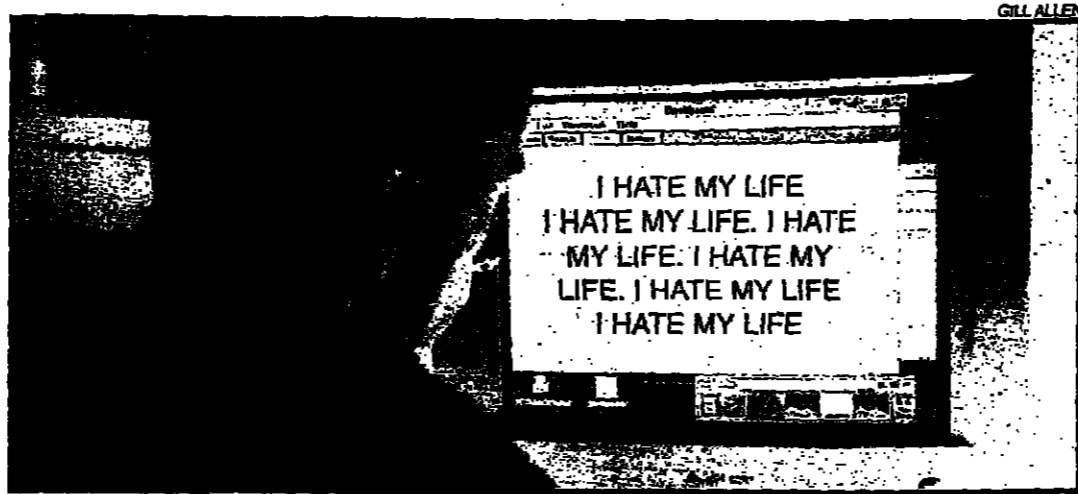
The new surveillance system will reinforce this, but Daniel Sobstel, director of Omnisquad, which has developed it, is unequivocal about the need for more sophisticated

The office machines and the laptop you take home may be spying on you. Helen Rumbelow reports

office spying. "With office fraud so prevalent, the future of investigation at work is obvious," he says. "This programme is like opening an umbrella when you know it's going to rain."

Monitoring the rate of "key-stroke" activity is already a common way of making sure employees work diligently, although many eschew monitoring by getting into the habit of typing "I hate my life" at regular intervals. However, the new package is a real ghost in the machine, not only allowing a suspicious boss to monitor his workers' screens as they type, but also recording their every activity to be played back at leisure or in speeded up time. For the truly voyeuristic boss the programme can be tailored so that when an employee takes home the office laptop, it will e-mail regular reports on how it is being used.

The first method is preventative, explains Mr Sobstel. "It can display a small eye popping down from the tool bar to let people know they are being watched. It's a deterrent, like a burglar alarm. The second method is when you do



Watching you, watching me: workers can try to fool computer programs monitoring activity

suspect something is happening. Then you can shut the eye off and watch and wait. It can let you know it is recording every time someone accesses the company accounts or adult chat rooms, or trigger on certain words like "sex" or your name.

Of course there are other interested parties: parents, for example, may be willing to fork out the £33 to add to their already sophisticated monitoring of their children, as may schools, or suspicious lovers sharing a terminal.

But the workplace is the most likely home for the new bug as British employees have less right to privacy than people in almost any other industrialised nation. The use of CCTV is the biggest growth area in the industrial security industry, and many people may not realise that their "swipe" cards used to gain access to the building can also be used by a computer to log their comings and goings, as can the new

type of "smart lights" which switch on only when there is someone beneath them. These can alert CCTV cameras to movement at a desk, while telephone software analyses numbers dialled and received.

Aware that they are being watched, many workers have resorted to using code names for bosses (these can lead to dangerous gossip when the real identity of "Pinky" is confused) and many computer games now have a "boss alert" key which immediately reverts the screen to a spreadsheet when the supervisor's presence is sensed.

In America a recent survey by the American Management Association showed that 40 per cent of employers kept a track of employees' telephone calls, and 16 per cent used CCTV. In Britain a new report from Professor David Metcalf and Sue Fennie at the LSE's Centre for Economic Performance called the technology "the new industrial tyranny" that makes surveillance of the assembly line look like a "Sunday school picnic".

There is little redress under British law. The Data Protection Act allows management to put its workforce under surveillance in all parts of their working life as long as employees are warned of that possibility, says Ian Lloyd, Professor of Information Technology Law at Strathclyde University.

"If keyboard activity was monitored secretly then yes, that may be regarded as 'unfair'," he says. "But surveillance is only going to get worse, and there is the need for much more legislative control — what we have at present is barely adequate."

Sarah Evans, a partner in Ernst & Young's fraud investigation group, believes that the real problem is the atmosphere of mutual suspicion between management and workforce that has accelerated in the past decade and led to the breakdown in trust.

"Once people know they are being watched, morale goes down," says Ms Evans. "Disaffected employees are more likely to defraud. It can become a vicious circle. We should get back to the old fashioned use of monitoring throughout our working lives — such as asking simple questions like: 'Are you happy in your job?'"

# Women who make it hard to behave badly

The Women's Coalition in Northern Ireland was central to the peace agreement but it faces electoral oblivion. Martin Fletcher meets a co-founder

The candidate for Northern Ireland's new assembly, Monica McWilliams — a 44-year-old social policy professor and mother of two boys — strides purposefully around the smart new homes of the Garland Hill development on Belfast's rural southeastern fringe. With leaflets in hand, a television crew in tow and canvassers in support, the co-founder of the Women's Coalition is directly challenging the province's long tradition of macho sectarian politics.

Times are changing in what has long been the most backward region of the United Kingdom. At almost every door Mrs McWilliams is greeted enthusiastically by young professional couples with gaggles of children around their knees. Many promise seriously to consider breaking their lifelong voting habits by backing her on Thursday week. "We want new faces," says Maureen McDermid, a day care worker. "We need to get away from

tribal politics," agrees a young male bank manager. Only one woman fails to recognise her. "Where's she been for the last two years?" Mrs McWilliams mutters beneath her breath as she forges on.

Admiration for Mrs McWilliams and her fledgling party extends far beyond Garland Hill and the South Belfast constituency. Their endorsements are of the sort that should be displayed in lights outside a West End theatre. "They have made an enormous contribution to the peace process," declared George Mitchell, the former US Senate leader and Stormont peace talks chairman. They were "key to building support for the (Good Friday) agreement," enthused Hillary Clinton. "They stick in there and make it harder to behave badly and childishly," said Mo Mowlam, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. Berrie Aherne, the Irish Taoiseach, called them: "A breath of fresh air in Northern Ireland."

Unfortunately, this tide of goodwill is not enough to sweep the Coalition into office. In fact, the Coalition is in danger of electoral obliteration thanks to a voting system that strongly favours the province's big old tribal and shamelessly patriarchal parties.

This is a pity, not only because the cross-community Coalition has much to offer, but also because Northern Ireland is embarrassingly short of women in public office. None of its 18 MPs and three MEPs is female — the province has elected only three women MPs in its 77-year-history. Only 89 of its 581 councillors are women. It has no female High Court judges, no female permanent secretaries in its Civil Service, and just three of the Royal Ulster Constabulary's 123 superintendents are women. Of the 296 assembly candidates only 46 are female, and few of them stand much chance of success.

Indeed the role of women in Northern Ireland during 30 years of The Troubles has been largely confined to that of grassroots activists holding communities together.



Monica McWilliams: the nearest her Women's Coalition members had come to a negotiating table was to polish it before the Stormont talks

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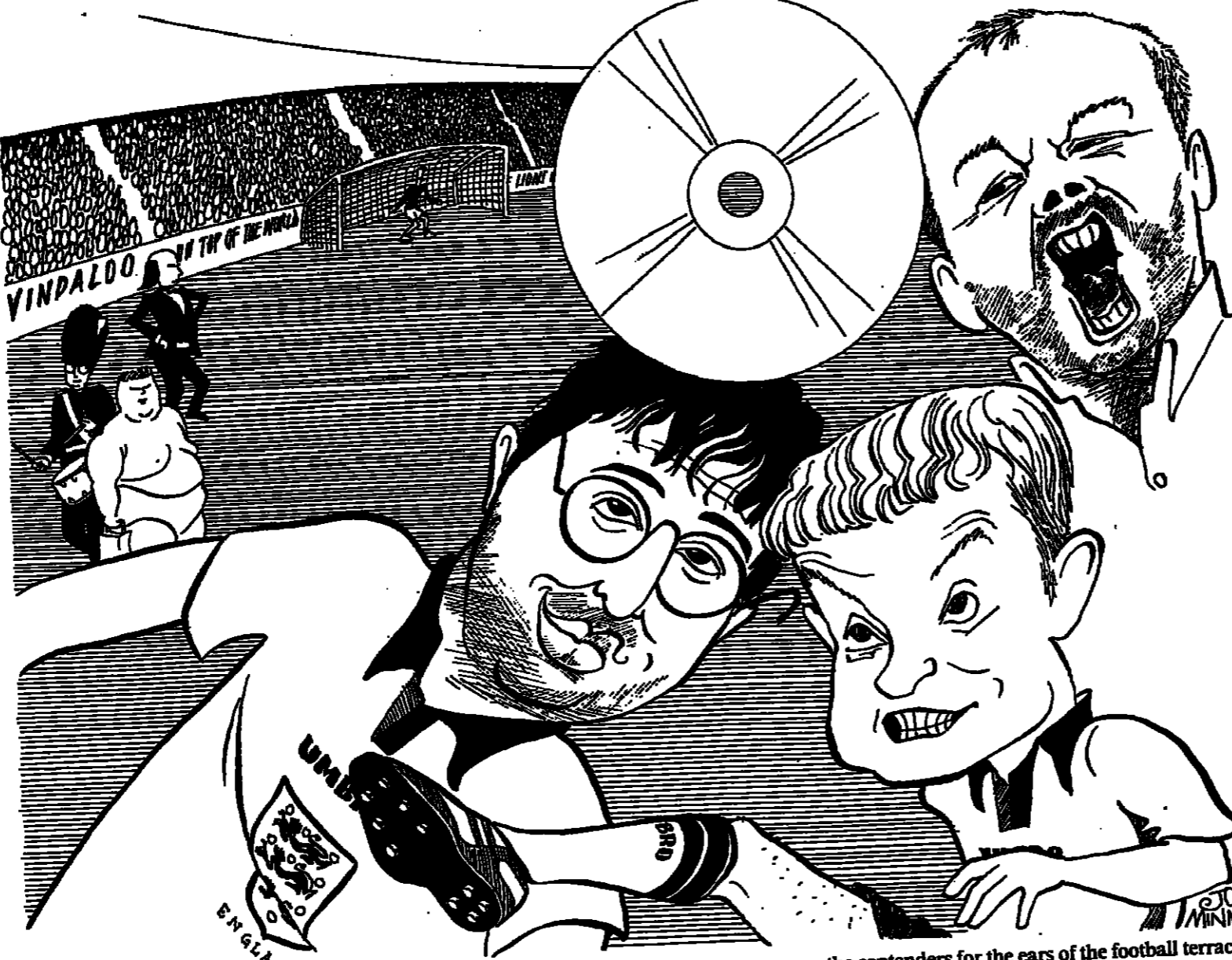
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Paul Sexton, our man in the sheepskin car coat, on the tournament for the top World Cup pop single

Six days into France 98, anyone immune to the joys of football or pop is by now ready to microwave the remote control, smother the radio with a pillow and join the Foreign Legion...



Pre-match favourites: from left, David Baddiel, Frank Skinner and Keith Allen are among the contenders for the ears of the football terraces

Soccer it to me, baby

Battle raged all last week between the dubious update of Baddiel, Skinner and the Lightning Seeds Euro 96 mantra Three Lions (on Epic) and Fat Les - aka Keith Allen, Damien Hirst and Blur's Alex James - with their comically jobbish Vindaloo...

living as the man in the middle between record companies and the agencies for sporting events and other products. "Music can be seen as a piece of merchandise, like the T-shirt, the pyjamas, the ball," he admits.

around, and Three Lions was the first football song that wasn't triumphant, it was about failure and regret. I don't expect Don't Come Home Too Soon to be sung on the terraces.

SOMETIMES a band rises quietly through the ranks to attain arena status, but the Welsh band the Stereophonics went one better last Friday, topping off an assiduous ascent by achieving castle status.

and their friend Stuart Cable have been together as a guitar, bass and drums unit since their early teens, but first triggered the indie consciousness only last year with a series of punchy and piquant singles and the debut album Word Gets Around.

celebrate with its own, and the grounds were soon shaking to the Stereophonics' refreshed take on the standard three-man rock attack. In an 80-minute set, every crowd favourite from Word Gets Around got a celebratory airing.

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flamenco and Andalusian folk song. Her group was not quite so expressive. On her new album, Desde La Habana te Traigo, Gonzalez is partnered by the veteran charanga band Orquesta Nacional.

winning mixture of light and shade that was right at home amid its familiar predecessors in a disciplined but congenial performance.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 13: Her Majesty was present at the Queen's Birthday Parade on Horse Guards Parade this morning at which the Queen's Colour of the 1st Battalion Welsh Guards was trooped.
The Queen was accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh (Colonel Grenadier Guards), the Duke of Kent (Colonel Scots Guards) and the Prince of Wales (Colonel Welsh Guards).

Machine made in 1600 to plot the stars has finite life

Time runs out for the oldest computer

By Russell Jenkins

ASTRONOMERS have discovered what they believe is the world's oldest computing machine to suffer from the millennium bug, and there can be no cure.
The calibrated metal wheel, called an equatorium, was built by an unknown astronomer in 1600 to chart the positions of the planets and predict eclipses with mathematical precision.



Liverpool Museum's equatorium, which is thought to be the only working one

1660. Its provenance is unknown. The inscriptions are in Latin and the symbol for degrees could be either French or English.
Mr Suggett said: "A very famous astronomer called Jeremiah Horrocks lived in Liverpool in the early 1600s but we do not think it directly from the antiquates trade in either England or France."

of the Moon and the planets in the sky," Mr Suggett said. Astronomers are planning to use the equatorium for its real purpose one last time before the millennium by setting it for the last eclipse of the Moon this century.
That will fall on August 11 next year, after which it truly enters retirement as a museum piece.

The engagement is announced between Hugh, son of Professor and Mrs Mark Williamson, of Dalby, North Yorkshire, and Nicola, elder daughter of Mr Brian Whitwell, of Alton, Hampshire, and Mrs Lesley White, of Binsted, Hampshire.

The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs R.F. Sharp, of Gillingham, Dorset, and Janice, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.T. Small, of Galashiels, Selkirkshire.

Forthcoming marriages

Marriages

Mr J.S. Baldwin and Miss N.S. Cotter
The engagement is announced between John, elder son of the late Mr and Mrs G.F. Baldwin, formerly of Guyana, and Nicola, daughter of Mr Gordon Cotter, and the late Mrs Alice Cotter, of Colwyn Bay.
Mr D.A. Cavesghill and Miss H.S.C. Talbot
The engagement is announced between Duncan, second son of Dr and Mrs Sandy Cavesghill, of Brecon, Powys, and Harriet, daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Talbot, of Whitsbury, Hampshire.

Birthdays today

Mr Richard Baker, broadcaster, 73; Mr Simon Callow, actor and director, 49; Sir Tim Chesselis, chairman, Legal Aid Board, 57; Miss Mary Ellis, actress and singer, 98; Sir John Fretwell, diplomat, 68; Air Chief Marshal Sir Joseph Gilbert, 67; Mr Johnny Herbert, racing driver, 34; Mr John Humphries, former chairman, Water Space Amenity Commission, 73; Mr Frank Jordan, former Chief Constable, Kent, 68; Admiral Sir Charles Madden, 92; Mr J.S. Morrison, former

Memorial service

Mr Bertram Schofield
A memorial service for Mr Bertram Schofield, Keeper of Manuscripts and Egerton Librarian, British Museum, 1966-1961, was held on Saturday at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Kidlington, Oxford. The Rev Sue Boyns officiated and read the lesson, assisted by the Rev Philip Sutton who gave an address.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend a service for the Order of the Garter in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, at 3. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and the Duke of Kent will also attend. Later they will give a dinner at Cardiff Castle for heads of government attending the European Council, at 7.40.
The Princess Royal, as Commandant-in-Chief, St John Ambulance and Nursing Cadets, will open the Windsor Headquarters Eastern Area Training Centre at Maidenhead Road, Windsor, at 5.

Leverhulme awards

Improvement in oak grown in the UK £47,530 over 12 months.
University of Newcastle upon Tyne, Dr T.J. Reddish, experimental studies of photodegradation of ionisation in helium and molecular hydrogen, £64,640 over two years.
University of Edinburgh, Dr P. P. Kikstra, photoreactive metalloproteins, £53,490 over two years.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Thomas Randolph, poet and dramatist, Coventry, 1605; Sidney Godolphin, 1st Earl of Godolphin, statesman, Helston, Cornwall, baptised this day, 1645; Habiok K. Browne (Phil), illustrator, Kennington, 1815.
DEATHS: Walter Tyley, leader of the Peasants' Revolt, executed, London, 1381; Thomas Campbell, poet, Boulogne, 1844; James Falk, 11th American President 1845-49; Nashville, Tennessee, 1849; Charles Goodyear patented vulcanised rubber, 1844.

Nature notes

MOST birds are still singing, though less regularly than last month. Nightingales have almost stopped singing for this year, and only make harsh, churring sounds when someone comes near their nest of young birds, deep in a bramble bush.
Grasshopper warblers are still singing at dusk in marshy places. They make a loud sound like a wheel whirring continuously, but from a distance it can only be heard when the singer turns its back towards one.
Great spotted woodpeckers are feeding their young in a hole in a tree the nestlings keep up an almost unbroken chatter from inside. Barn owls are nesting in hollow trees and farmyard buildings that white form flickers over the barbers fields as they hunt for voles in the evening.
Hound's-tongue is coming into bloom at the edge of sandy fields.



A grasshopper warbler

Sir Ian Percival, QC

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir Ian Percival will be held at the Temple Church, The Temple, Fleet Street, London EC4, on Thursday, June 25, at 5.00pm.

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DEATHS
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THANKSGIVING SERVICES
BROWLOW - Service of Thanksgiving for the late Colonel William Browlow will be held on Friday 19th July at 11.00am at St. Peter's Church, Down, Co. Down.

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OBITUARIES

REG SMYTHE

Reg Smythe, cartoonist, died on June 13 aged 80. He was born on July 10, 1917.

To the millions of newspaper readers all over the world who daily shared in his escapades Andy Capp had acquired a reality more concrete than that of his shy and reclusive creator, Reg Smythe.



Reg Smythe at work in his studio and, below, Andy Capp and Flo are for once, in harmony on the subject of a visit to the local pub

Capp's life symbolised that of a largely vanished race, inhabiting a nostalgic past in which the male of the species converted his pay packet into booze as a matter of course, beat his wife, and never lifted a finger round the house.

readers of the Denver Post and the Houston Chronicle and there was even an American Andy Capp fan club. In sanitised Sweden the unwashed Andy was welcomed as 'Tufta Viktor'.

The cartoonist Reg Smythe was born Reginald Smyth in Hartlepool, the son of Richard Smyth and his wife Florence. He always claimed that his parents were the models for Andy and Flo.

middle of the Thirties Depression which destroyed the industrial culture of the North East.

For a year or two he subsisted on a diet of such odd jobs as butcher's errand boy and the dole. He was a frequent opponent of his father — a man in a similar position — on the snooker table of the local men's club.

always on the basis, as he later recalled, of loser pays for the drinks. Then, tired of this idle existence, in 1936 he enlisted in the ranks of the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers.

After the war he moved to London where he took a job as a telephone clerk in the GPO. There he began to draw, without tuition but evolving the simple but effective style that was to become his trademark.

Many of his early gag cartoons had appeared in the Daily Mirror but it was with Andy Capp, which he conceived in 1956, that he made the big breakthrough.

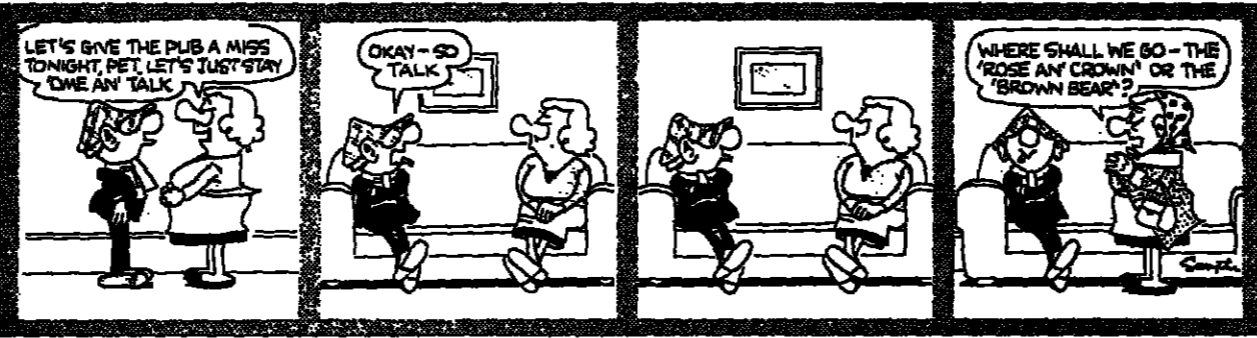
down, a fond regard for his long-suffering spouse. Flo remained Smythe's favourite character. "She should have been included in the title," he once said, "but I wanted a single name. Never mind, I suppose she knows she holds the cartoon together, and that's enough for her."

The real life Flo had an equally strong admiration for her son. When, in 1962, the Leonardo cartoon was featuring in all the papers at the time it was being restored and then saved for the nation, she sniffed: "Leonardo? He isn't a patch on our Reg."

Smythe won numerous awards for his work, at home and overseas. In 1960 he became a founding member of the Cartoonists Club of Great Britain and won its Best British Cartoon Strip award prize for five consecutive years, 1961-65.

Some years ago he moved back to the North from London and settled again in his native Hartlepool, where he found the atmosphere more congenial to the fashioning of a daily life for a character who was so much part of the area.

Reg Smythe married, in 1949, Vera Toyne who died last year. He remarried and is survived by his second wife, Jean. He had no children.



VRONWY HANKEY



Vronwy Hankey at Knossos in 1975. Greece always had a special place in her heart

Vronwy Hankey, archaeologist, died on May 11 aged 81. She was born on September 15, 1916.

Notably Aegean Bronze Age Chronology, 1989, written with Peter Warren. She quickly became the doyenne of the subject.

AN ARCHAEOLOGIST of Greece and the eastern Mediterranean, Vronwy Hankey was a pioneer in the generation that came after Gertrude Bell and her like. It is hard to know which she liked more, work or friendship.

She was sometimes a fierce person, for whom life today and scholarship of the past were all one. To work with her was to learn new truths about the sophisticated Bronze Age societies of the eastern Mediterranean in the late 2nd millennium BC, which were her specialisation.

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They were soon posted to Madrid, where they helped Allied soldiers escaping from France. After the war there were golden days in Rome, where she could return to archaeology through the British School (a body similar to the Athens School).

Beirut in 1962 brought her in touch with Near Eastern archaeology. She worked with Gerald Lankester Harding (former Director of Antiquities in Jordan who had been sacked, like General Giubb, in 1956) and began to research on the relations of the Aegean and the Levant in the Bronze Age. This topic continued until the end of her life, through 36 years and many publications

She learnt Arabic and used her diplomatic status to transcend modern political frontiers in studying the ancients. She worked at first in Arab countries, later also in Israel where she made good friends among the archaeologists, but without ever losing her strong sympathy for the Palestinians.

Lectures on Swan's cruises in the Aegean and on the Nile led to her adding Egyptology (and becoming an honorary fellow of UCL) to her Aegean studies. She tackled a key topic for dating the Mycenaean: their contacts with the 14th-century BC pharaoh Akhenaten at his new capital of el Amarna in Middle Egypt.

Greece always had a special place in her heart. In 1970 she returned to Crete when Gerald Cadogan asked her and Cressida Ridley — a powerful pair of 50-year-olds in a team most of whom could have been her children — to join a new British School at Athens dig at a Minoan village (Mystras-Pyrgos) on a hill by the Libyan Sea. Years of excavation — at Knossos — followed, helped by parties in the mountains, and much singing and dancing, habits which were as deep in Hankey's nature as they are among the Cretans who loved her for her *aniki kardia* (open heart).

Hankey once remarked that she "could not understand being bored". All of her life was of interest to her. What she did not know, she would look up and find out. She had a prodigious memory for plants, poems, places and people, was a poet in her own right and took a most active interest in the doings of her friends and family. She encouraged her daughter, the potter Veronica Newman, to recreate Mycenaean pottery shapes, so as to understand better how the ancients used them. In the power cuts of 1978-79, during the Winter of Discontent, she lectured in the dark at Burlington House on the techniques of early Lebanese pottery — so vividly that the audience saw all the processes in their minds.

In youth a formidable hockey player, she delighted in physical exercise and she and her husband skied well into their seventies. She was a slight, small person, but her presence was unforgettable. Her lifelong interest in the British School at Athens is to be recognised by the creation of a fund in her name for Aegean studies.

She is survived by her husband, and by three sons and a daughter.

John Marriott, former Prison Governor, died on June 11 aged 51. He was born on January 4, 1947.

THE premature and unexpected death of John Marriott from a heart attack is a final tragic twist to an extraordinary life. For Marriott had developed a successful career as a Governor over 25 years in the Prison Service.

There is a recurring two-part nightmare that haunts prison Governors. First is the threat of a major disaster befalling their prison; second is the likelihood of being blamed for the disaster — regardless of whether the Governor could have prevented it. That nightmare became a reality for John Marriott on January 3, 1995, when three top security prisoners escaped.

The press coverage of Howard's Parliamentary announcement had the effect of protecting Howard without the slightest regard to the damage inflicted on John Marriott.

The swift dismissal of Marriott had unexpected and substantial repercussions. It led to the sacking of the Director-General of the Prison Service, Derek Lewis, in October 1995. Then in 1997, when Michael Howard was a candidate for the Tory leadership, the former Prisons Minister, Ann Widdecombe, savaged him over his handling of the Lewis sacking, describing him as having "something of the night" about him.

The treatment of Marriott caused revulsion across and well beyond the Prison Service. Widespread support helped Marriott cope with the task of preparing and giving evidence to the Learmont inquiry into the Parkhurst escapes and the general state of prison security. The inquiry report concluded that responsibility for the Parkhurst escapes lay with many people, not just one individual. But this came too late for Marriott. He had spent some months working at Prison Service HQ and concluding that there was no future for him within the service, he decided to seek employment elsewhere. In September 1995, he was appointed Head of Mental Health Care for the Isle of Wight NHS Community Health Trust and left the Prison Service to which he had given so much of his life. John Marriott had an infectious enthusiasm for everything he did. He was well

JOHN MARRIOTT

liked by colleagues, staff and prisoners. Immediately after Marriott had been moved from Parkhurst, Derek Lewis released to the press a letter he had written to all Governors praising John Marriott's courage, humanity, dedication and innovation.

Marriott had great personal integrity. He was a person who felt deeply about issues and was not afraid to express his feelings. He cared deeply about the staff and the prisoners for whom he was responsible. The loss of his abilities to the Prison Service caused near universal regret.

John Randolph Marriott was born in Wiltshire and educated at Christ's Hospital School. He took a degree at

Hull University and applied to join the Prison Service in 1970 as an Assistant Governor Class 2. After attending the staff course at the Prison Service College, Wakefield, he was posted to work with young offenders at the open hospital at Gaynes Hall. From there he moved to the open prison at Eastchurch on the Isle of Sheppey.

After a short spell out of the service, working with Birmingham Social Services, he asked to return and was posted to Birmingham's Winson Green Prison in 1975. This was a difficult time at Winson Green. Governors were coping with the police investigations and staff trial that followed the allegations

that the suspected IRA Birmingham bombers had been assaulted in the prison.

In 1978 he achieved his first promotion to Assistant Governor Class 1 and was posted to Hull top security prison. This was another demanding post as Hull was still recovering from a very serious riot. There was yet another police investigation into staff brutality which resulted in some staff being convicted. Moving the prison forward was a major challenge and one where Marriott made his mark.

In 1983 he was promoted to Governor Class 3 and was given his first command at Nottingham, a training prison for inmates serving long sentences. Nottingham had serious industrial relations problems over the efficient use of staff. So again Marriott found himself in a stressful and demanding post as he implemented efficiency measures in the face of unpleasant opposition.

His success at Nottingham resulted in further promotion to Governor Class 2 and a move in 1985 to govern Lewes Prison. Marriott was in charge during the very serious disturbances of 1986 when staff abandoned their posts across the country and many prisoners rioted. Lewes prison was badly affected with considerable riot damage. It was fortunate that lives were not lost. Marriott displayed great personal courage during the riot and eventually restored order.

In 1988, to broaden his experience, he moved to Prison Service HQ as part of a small team trying to improve industrial relations service wide, a critical area of work because of long standing problems with the Prison Officers

Association. This was one of the more difficult HQ posts, as he found in 1989 when there was a very serious crisis at Wandsworth prison. Staff went on strike and police and governor grades had to run the prison on an emergency footing. Marriott was closely involved in managing and resolving the crisis; yet another stressful job well done.

When he was promoted to Governor Grade 1 in 1990 he was one of the younger senior Governors in the Service, with the prospect in years to come of competing for the top posts on the Prisons Board. He applied for and was given charge of Parkhurst. He had nearly completed five years when disaster struck, a long period to be in charge of such a difficult prison. Perhaps more significantly, he had coped continuously with six very stressful posts over 20 years.

Marriott threw himself into his new job with the health service with energy and enthusiasm. He believed that he was well on his way to adapting to the new service in the weeks before his death.

Marriott was an enthusiastic sailor in his spare time. He was also writing up his experiences in the Prison Service and it is especially unfortunate that he had not completed that task. He had a very wide interest in life and people and had only recently returned from India where he had been examining Eastern religion and the condition of the slum dwellers in Bombay.



John Marriott in 1985

Church appointments

Appointments

The Rev Robert Atwell, formerly at Burford Priory, to be Vicar, Primrose Hill St Mary the Virgin with Avenue Road St Paul (London). The Rev Alan Bashford, Assistant Curate, Calstock (Truro), to be Assistant Curate, St Ives, and Halesowen (same diocese). The Rev Geoffrey Bennett, Rector, St Ruan with St Grade and Landewednack (Truro), to be Vicar, Buddock (same diocese). The Rev John Bloomfield, Team Vicar, Littlehampton and Wick (Chichester), to be Vicar, Hunstanton St Edmund and Ringstead St Andrew (Norwich). The Rev William Challis, Vice-Principal, Wyldcliffe Hall, Oxford, to be Vicar, Bitterne Holy Saviour (Winchester). The Rev David Clark, Team Rector, Qadby (Leicester), to be Curate (to be known as Associate Priest), Leicester St James the Great (same diocese).

The Rev Bob Cooper, Chaplain and Teacher, Chigwell School (Chesham), to be Vicar, Lightcliffe St Matthew (Wakefield). The Rev Andrew Couch, Vicar, St Ives, and Priest-in-Charge, Halesowen (Truro), to be also Rural Dean of Penwith (same diocese). The Rev Jill Edwards, Assistant Curate, Grays Thurrock (Chelmsford), to be Team Vicar. The Rev Christopher Epps, Assistant Curate, Clevedon St John the Evangelist (Bath & Wells), to be Rector, St John with Millbrook (Truro). Canon Barrie Gauge, Director of Parish Development (Chesham), to be Parish Development Adviser (Derby). The Rev Christopher Rattenberry, Assistant Curate, Porchester St James (Southwell), to be Priest-in-Charge, Daybrook St Paul and St Timothy's Church Centre (same diocese).

The Rev David Rowley, Vicar, Hayfield, and Rural Dean of Glossop (Derby), to be also Priest-in-Charge, Chinkley with Busworth (same diocese). The Rev Michael Smith, Curate, Cheddle St Cuthbert and St Mary (Chesham), to be Curate, Hollington St Leonard and St Anne (Chichester). The Rev Tim Storey, Assistant Curate, Bath Weston St John and Kelson St Nicholas (Bath & Wells), to be Assistant Curate, Shirley (Winchester). The Rev Michael Thompson, Team Vicar, Newcastle Epiphany, to be Priest-in-Charge, Choppington (same diocese). Canon Richard Wheeler, Team Rector, Southampton City Centre (Winchester), to be Social Responsibility Adviser (same diocese). The Rev David Williams Curate, Lancaster St Mary (Blackburn), to be also Chaplain, HMP Lancaster Castle.

Retirements and resignations Canon Roy Braithwaite, Vicar, Garstang St Helen Churchtown, and Diocesan Ecumenical Officer (Blackburn) to retire July 3. Canon John Cotton, Team Rector, Bexhill (Chichester) retired as Rural Dean of Buxton and Bexhill April 12, remaining as team rector. The Rev Eric Lacey, Rector, Haysham St Peter (Blackburn) retired April 25. The Rev Jake Loewendahl, Vicar, Menheniot (Truro) to retire July 1. The Rev David Mole, Chaplain, Ostend, Bruges and Knokke, Belgium (Europe) to retire October 1. The Rev Christopher Newell, Vicar, Lansallos and Talland (Truro) retired March 31. The Rev Derek White, Rector, Beeding and Bramber w Botolphs (Chichester) retired April 26. Other appointments Elizabeth Turner, Reader (Southwell), to be part-time Assistant Chaplain, HMP Ranby.

3,000 PROTEST AT SENTENCES 'UNIONS SHOULD BAR S AFRICA GOODS'

Police stood shoulder to shoulder outside South Africa House yesterday afternoon while, in Trafalgar Square, not a stone's throw away, 3,000 people joined in protest at the sentences imposed in Pretoria on Nelson Mandela and his seven companions. The meeting had been organized by the Anti-apartheid Movement, members of which marched in procession from Hyde Park carrying banners. They had been accompanied by nuclear disarmament making a similar protest, but the anti-apartheid protesters did not join the meeting; instead, they paraded around the South African building, which they heard described during the afternoon as a fortress of reactionism. Lord Russell, the first speaker, expressed a view which many others enlarged upon — that world-wide outcry had saved the lives of Mandela and his colleagues. The United States and Britain, he said, traded in vast amounts with the South African tyranny. They said arms to South Africa. It was an appalling illustration of western

ON THIS DAY June 15, 1964

The International campaign on behalf of Nelson Mandela triumphed in 1990 when after 26 years' imprisonment on Robben island he was released.

hypocrisy about freedom that the United States and Britain obtained in the Security Council on the issue of condemning apartheid. If the tyranny was to be ended without dreadful violence, western governments must be made to act now.

Lord Russell was certain that the international boycott of South African goods had been an important factor in the struggle against apartheid. Commendable as the efforts against the South African regime had been until now, however, he believed they were insufficient. He would therefore suggest another way. "If Mr Frank Cousins and the Transport

and General Workers' Union would use their great influence to persuade the International Federation of Free Trade Unions to refuse to load any goods anywhere intended for South Africa, and refuse to unload any goods at any South African port, the South African tyranny will end." They would have the support of Asia, Latin America, and "all decent men and women, east and west".

The Bishop of Woolwich, Dr J.A.T. Robinson, recalled that on October 11 last year, the United Nations General Assembly called on the South African Government to abandon forthwith the arbitrary trial then in progress and to grant unconditional release to all political prisoners. It was a resolution which had the unprecedented majority of 106 to one, the one being South Africa. This was a motion which even the United Kingdom voted for.

MANDELA MOVED TO ISLAND PRISON

Johannesburg, June 14 — Nelson Mandela, the African nationalist leader, and the six other Africans sentenced with Dennis Goldberg to life sentences in the Rivonia sabotage trial last Friday are destined on Robben island, off Cape Town, a senior police officer said. Goldberg had not been sent to the island, which is reserved for non-white prisoners.

NEWS

Cook hints at joining euro by 2002

European Union leaders predicted that Britain would be in the single currency by 2002 as Robin Cook gave the strongest signal yet from the Government that entry could be early in the next century.

The Foreign Secretary issued a warning that investors from the United States and Japan would desert Britain if it stayed out for long. He said there was a limit to how long Britain could "sit on the fence"..... Pages 1, 12, 13, 22, 23

English hooligans in World Cup clash

England football hooligans were involved in clashes with French police and rival supporters in Marseilles on the eve of their opening World Cup match against Tunisia. Riot police, CS gas and dogs were used to try to contain hundreds of fans in the old port area..... Pages 6, 23, 31

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2 Moved camp (8).
3 Counts for nothing, as tea, say, does in 22 (4,2,3).
4 Ingenious description of Llewellyn's valley (5).
5 Dress again in regal ensemble (7).
6 Peak charge for water that's coming down fast (7).
7 Her name could be turned to advantage (5).
8 A contemptible person, he's going back inside pub (8).
9 One can suppress reports of missiles being launched (8).
10 Person with organisational duties initially spelt out (5).
11 Senior citizen's daughter in case, abandoned by husband (7).
12 Parvatus gets off after appearing for trial (7).
26 How umpire, referee or judge concludes it's senseless (5).
27 Small furry creature, one in much distress (9).
28 Tough partner no longer playing (8).
29 Get somewhat hysterical about arrangement of atoms (6).
DOWN
1 Strict copper poked inside an old banger (8).
2 Pointedly ignore young woman producing weapon (7).
3 Provide justification for opening of variety show (9).
4 Be short of brass, but sense effect of wind (4,3,7).
5 It's played, following quiet agreement with club, right away (5,9).
6 Excessively exhausted, lashed out unreasonably (9).
7 Sort of cutie not typical of the Germans (5).
8 State of Jones when shot (7).
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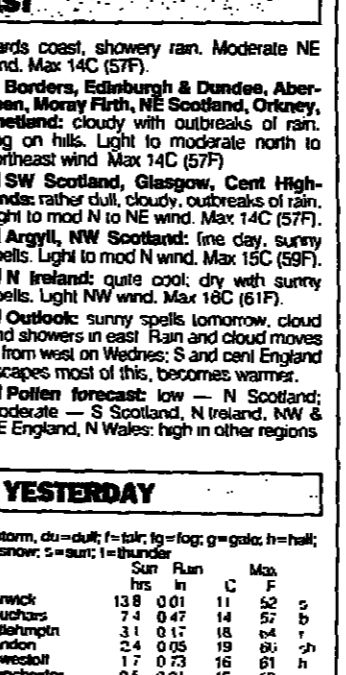
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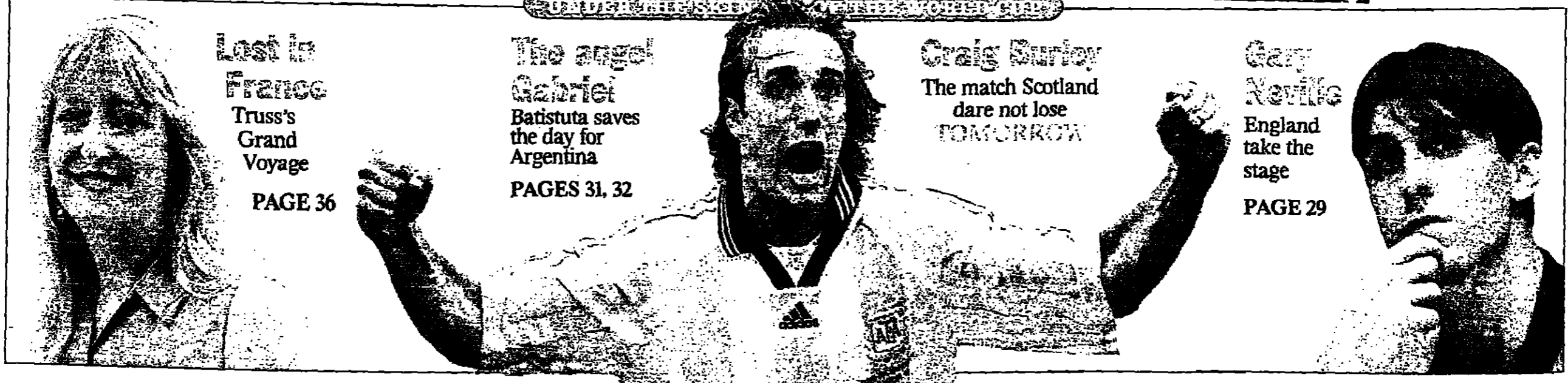
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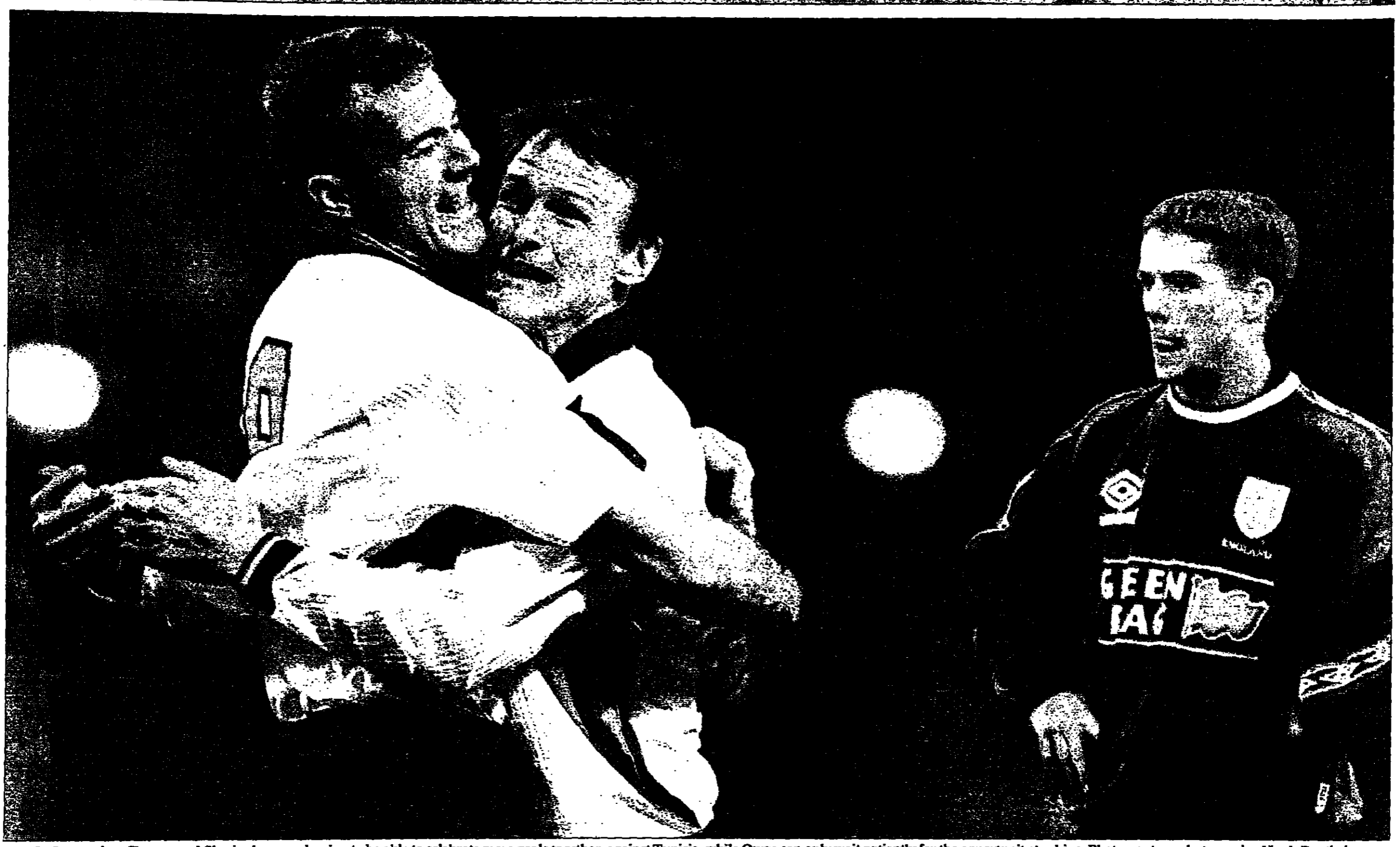
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## SHEARER'S SUPPORT GIVES SHERINGHAM A LIFT



SAS operation: Shearer and Sheringham are hoping to be able to celebrate more goals together, against Tunisia, while Owen can only wait patiently for the opportunity to shine. Photomontage photographs: Hugh Routledge

FROM OLIVER HOLT  
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT  
IN MARSEILLES

# Old Pals 1, New Boy 0

MICHAEL OWEN had gathered so much momentum and captured the public imagination to such a degree that it had begun to seem as though Canute could have held back the waves before Teddy Sheringham, Manchester United's embattled centre forward, would be able to keep English football's boy's own hero out of the World Cup team that will face Tunisia here this afternoon. Then again, Canute did not have a mate called Alan Shearer.

It will be presented, perhaps, as a step backwards when the way forward seems so clear. But call them what you want — the SAS, the old pals' act, mates sticking together — Sheringham and Shearer have done it for England before and, despite Sheringham's recent misadventures, few would bet against them doing it again when England run out this afternoon. There is likely to be another surprise in the starting line-up, too. In that both Darren Anderson and David Batty seem to have been preferred to that other favourite son of the English game and the tabloid press, David Beckham.

As Owen has closed quickly on him in recent months with a series of performances for Liverpool that never dipped below excellent and took to playing for England like a natural, Sheringham seemed to have given Hoddle the chance to discard him when he was caught with his pants down — metaphorically, if not literally — in a Portuguese night club ten days ago. Owen, who became the youngest player to score for England when he got the winner against Morocco late last month, subsequently took

Sheringham's place in the match that Hoddle organised against Caen last week. Those who assumed that Owen was immovable, though, had reckoned without Shearer. It is unlikely that he actually lobbied for Sheringham to retain his place — he said on Saturday that Hoddle did not ask his advice about tactics or picking the team. But unspoken messages are often the most powerful kind in football and it is certain that a large part of the reason why the England coach has stuck by the embattled Manchester United forward is that Shearer has made it plain that he relishes playing with Sheringham. If they are close to telepathic on

the pitch, they are as thick as thieves off it. They are golf partners when the squad has a competition as it did last Friday (Sheringham and Shearer lost to Owen and Paul Scholes), they eat together, they even run an informal book at the team hotel so that players can place playful bets on the outcome of other World Cup matches. Like any bookmakers, apparently, they are making a killing. Above all, though, it is their relationship on the pitch that is important to Shearer and Hoddle. Whatever Owen's merits, no matter how much he argues that he could form an effective partnership with the England captain, no matter how obvious it is that he is

not a carbon copy of Shearer, the potency of Shearer and Sheringham as a pair is impossible to deny. They have played 14 times together for England and, on those occasions, they have scored 17 goals, 11 for Shearer, six for Sheringham. Even more telling is the fact that of those 14 games, England have lost only two. And both those were to Brazil. Sheringham does not invade Shearer's space, he does not make the same runs, seek to get on the end of the same crosses. To Shearer, Owen is another predator. But Sheringham is another provider, someone else to feed his hunger for goals, not someone with whom

he will be forced to share. Jealousy of Owen does not come into it. It is just that Shearer knows what works best for him. And Hoddle cannot afford to have Shearer at anything other than his absolute best against Tunisia. Despite his predilection for hoodwinking observers about his intentions, Hoddle has never disguised his admiration for Sheringham or his belief that he could continue to produce his best form at international level. Equally, he has insisted that his ideal scenario is to keep Owen in reserve, ready to rip living defences apart as a substitute. Even assuming he starts with Sheringham and Shearer today, Owen is almost certain to get his chance as the game wears on. If that happens, Hoddle and England will be getting the best of both worlds.

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Hodde's men emerge from hibernation to face tough Tunisians and their talented playmaker

African blend to test England's appetite for battle

FROM ROB HUGHES IN MARSEILLES

GRETA GARBO could have come no more quietly, no more secretly, to the grand ball than the squad of Glenn Hoddle...

have not yet mined all the latent skills of that continent. "A month and a half ago, Claude Le Roy, the French coach of Cameroon, said, "Njanka did not exist. I had to go and get him from his village of Myvole..."

Pierre Njanka had responded to the call of the coach when, a month before naming his selection, Le Roy toured the Cameroon villages looking for rare, unknown talents...

his pants with an emergency stop, then turning and blasting the ball, arrow-like, beyond the goalkeeper's reach. Such joy, and for England's sake it must be hoped that Tunisia are not quite on that wavelength of surprise in the port of Marseilles today...

the gendarmes in this southern enclave are well used to dealing with drunken sailors and their footballing equivalents. The same raucous port area had been celebrating wildly, yet without a sign of malice, through Friday night and into the early hours of Saturday...

Two advantages that Tunisia had been hoping to exploit would seem to be lost to them. They barely disguised that they hoped to tease and provoke irrational behaviour out of Paul Gascoigne and David Beckham...

What, then, can be expected from Tunisia? Their coach, Henryk Kasperczak, a stern and cautious Pole, might just have made his team the exception to the African rule. He has tried to blend organisation into the African spirit, and quite possibly in doing so has made them dull, more reliable in defence, yet less likely to produce those individualistic flourishes that Africans elsewhere are enjoying...



Beya's unpredictable midfield artistry could be the key to Tunisia's chances today

seven, drew the other and conceded just two goals: Egypt, once the power of the Arabic-African nations, could not score against them in 180 minutes. However, as the coach

indicated, scoring goals is entirely another matter for the Tunisians. They have players, including a sometimes beguiling, sometimes unpredictable playmaker, Zoubir Beya...

of course schooled in football here in the South of France, attempting a cultural change and going a surprisingly long way in achieving it. They admire, singularly, Alan Shearer... but the chattering classes among the World Cup trainers are at the same time all wondering aloud what next will come out of Africa...

'Genie' ready to weave his magical spell

Inigo Gilmore meets the midfield wizard plotting England's downfall

He is slight, has a gruff manner and his football wizardry has earned him the nickname "The Genie". Zoubir Beya is Tunisia's master playmaker and he has given warning that England should not take his team lightly when they meet in Marseilles today...

Since his arrival, Kasperczak has fostered a new team spirit among the players and a hunger for victory. Although football in Tunisia is amateur or semi-professional, the Government has made sure that the players want for nothing, offering the best facilities available and providing plenty of financial incentives...

He seems to revel in the team's status as underdogs. Given the time and effort that has gone into their preparation, Beya said that his compatriots, in the North African country of more than eight million, have high expectations. He seems to revel in the team's status as underdogs and the fact that the players are generally unknown to a wider audience beyond Africa...

So who is the player that he most respects or fears in the England team? For a moment he ponders and then, with a quizzical look, replies softly, "McManaman". England's genie seems an appropriate choice for a man who hopes to upstage England today with his own brand of wizardry...

Just as importantly, he links up well with Skander Souayah, the talented 26-year-old midfielder player, the strikers, Adel Sellimi, 25, and Ben Slimane, 24, and younger players such as Hatem Trabelsi, a 20-year-old defender who shaves his head before every game for good luck.

Should they lose to Norway, it will be impossible for Scotland to qualify for the second round of the competition. The squad members are persuasive in their denials of any sense of foreboding. Many of them have been engaged in international football for several years and stocks of resilience have been built up. "We do have a lot of experience," Tom Boyd, the defend-

Norwegians caught off limits

FROM KEVIN MCCARRA IN AVIGNON

IN RIDDING themselves of their predecessors' penchant for maverick behaviour, the modern generation of Scottish football has derived many advantages. There has been the pleasure of appearing both at Euro 96 and this World Cup, and there is satisfaction, too, over the indiscretions of others. Nobody, however, wishes to admit to smugness, particularly when it is the conduct of dangerous rivals that is in question...



Boyd: scored for Brazil

country's officials that alcohol was involved. This sort of incident is liable to leave the older Scotland supporters misty-eyed, reminding them of an era when whole batches of their own heroes would be disciplined for misdemeanours. In 1975, a mass purge saw the international careers of five players brought to an end after a foray to a Copenhagen nightclub...

Hell-raisers always seem to be in the colours of other nations nowadays. In fairness, Berg and Mykland are not accused of any sort of outrage. The furor is intriguing partly because of the embarrassment to Egil Olsen, the Norway coach, who spoke as a disciplinarian when commenting on the recent recreational activities of Teddy Sheringham. Craig Brown, the Scotland manager, knows the risk of hubris. Asked about Berg and Mykland, he chose to ponder the healthy response that public censure can provoke in footballers. "Sometimes it might have a bad effect," Brown said, "but there are ways in which it can bind people together. Before Euro 96, there were allegations about things that happened on the Cathay Pacific flight when England were coming back from their tour to the Far East..."

The FA spokesman talked about the collective responsibility of the players and they did stick together at Euro 96. The episode involving Berg and Mykland does at least help to dispel the idea that Norway are a side of faceless uniformity. Olsen himself was recently presented with an award by health campaigners as a celebrated non-smoker. Mykland, though, admits to a fondness for tobacco, even if he is careful not to be seen in public with a cigarette drooping from his lips. In other respects, too, the midfielder differs from the image of the conventional Norwegian footballer, being more of an artist than a tradesman. The sparkling record of his national team proves that they cannot be dullards, even if Norway did perform poorly while drawing 2-2 with Morocco on Wednesday...

Yesterday afternoon, in the blissful setting of their opulent hotel in Saint Remy de Provence, John Collins and Darren Jackson were presented with medals for winning, respectively, their fifth and 25th caps in the 21 defeat by Brazil. Agreeable though such honours may be, the team is still to discover what the real proceeds of this World Cup will be...

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# Beckham loses out as Hoddle takes gamble

FROM OLIVER HOLT, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT IN MARSEILLES

THEY told Glenn Hoddle that supporters were rioting in the streets of the old port. They asked him why he had left out David Beckham and picked Darren Anderton. They wondered what exactly it was that Tony Blair had said to him when he had telephoned with a good-luck message. The England coach barely offered an answer. He said he was totally focused on the game ahead, and it showed.

The World Cup starts here for him and England this afternoon in a stadium that stands out dramatically against the white mountains that hug the coast. All his players are fit, he said, and they know the team. The widely held belief that neither Beckham nor Michael Owen were part of it was something he dismissed as speculation.

He did admit, though, that England faced a stiff test when they open their group G campaign against Tunisia in the Stade Velodrome this afternoon. The gambles on the fitness of Anderton, who has played just 26 games for Tottenham Hotspur in the past three years, and on the form of Teddy Sheringham

not do much for the nation. We are just looking for a win. "My only fear is that the players do not perform when they need to. The World Cup is about peaking at the right time. We have got to believe in ourselves first and let the tournament unfold. We have prepared right and the belief is there. If we get the start we are looking for, we can take it on from there."

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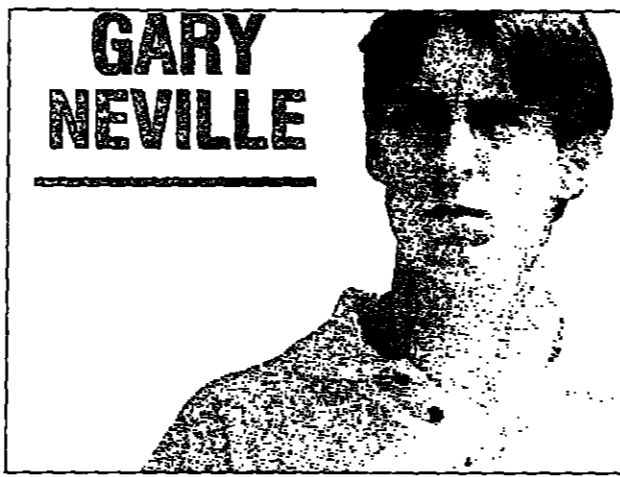
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Beckham's poor form means that he will be on the sidelines when England open their World Cup campaign against Tunisia today. Photograph: Marc Aspland

## At last the waiting game is nearly at an end

Paul Scholes is on a hot streak. He scored England's only goal in the match against Caen last week as well as being our best player, and in the spare time we have had at the team hotel he has been absolutely hammering me at pool.



GARY NEVILLE

"We've got table tennis tables in La Baule, too. When I've played, I've been coming out a definite second best to Incey, Les Ferdinand and Rio Ferdinand. They're the ones who seem to be the masters of that game, but that's only because Ian Wright isn't here. He is amazing at table tennis. There are arcade games, too. Formula One driving games and rally games, but Michael Owen and Rio are on them all the time."

"I didn't even go and play golf with the rest of the lads the other day because we have a rule at Manchester United that you don't do that up to three days before a game. It's not that I have got anything against anybody else doing it. In fact, I would have loved to have played. It's just that I want to keep to what I feel is normal before today's match. It would have been unprofessional for me to have done anything else."

"The thing that has really kept everybody from getting bored after each training session, though, is watching the other games. We have got a video room in the main part of the hotel with a giant screen that shows the BBC and ITV feeds of all the matches, and most of the players go in there to watch them."

"We're just like fans watching together, really. There are 'oohs' and 'aahs' when somebody does a great piece of skill and applause sometimes when one team or another scores. There is a lot of laughing when someone does something wrong, too. Christophe Dugarry tried to kick the ball with one foot in France's first game, missed it and hit it with the other instead. We all laughed because we've all done that in training at one time or another."

"Some of us even have small wagers on what the score will be in each game. I was on a double on Friday night because I had Denmark down to beat Saudi Arabia 1-0 and France to beat South Africa 1-0. The South Africa centre half could have stopped both the last two French goals, but they ruined my bet."

"I have not seen any team yet that looks unbelievable, nobody that you would like to avoid until the final or the later stages. I think we might actually all gain confidence from watching the performance of the other teams. I know the Brazilians weren't at

their best in the opening game, but we had all thought they would be untouchable. Then we saw Scotland get to them. No disrespect to Scotland, but if they can give them a scare, I'm sure we could."

"I suppose you would have to say that the French have been the most impressive team so far, even if Nigeria's win over Spain was the most exciting performance. The only thing about that French win is that I'm not convinced about the worth of the South Africans. We played them last summer and they were not that strong."

"In some ways, though, we all feel as though the World Cup has not really begun for us yet. We are away from it all in southern Brittany. The weather in La Baule has been so wet I keep thinking I'm back in Manchester, but now we are in Marseilles and so close to our opening game against Tunisia, the excitement is beginning to build."

"It seems as though everybody else's World Cup has already started and now ours will, too. I think it will really hit us when we see the thousands of England fans at the Stade Velodrome. That is the thing that always gets the adrenalin going for me and it is so important that we get off to a good start this afternoon. The

nerves will really have kicked in by then."

Even on the television, I have not really been able to gauge the atmosphere of the games. What has disappointed me a bit is that you seem to have small pockets of fans from each country wearing all their colours in little sections of the stadium, and the rest of it is made up of neutrals."

I heard on the news about 20,000 Dutch and Belgian supporters being locked out of the Stade de France for the game there on Saturday night

and it seems wrong that there should be so many French people in there. I know it has all been debated at length, but for the next World Cup that system should be changed."

I know what the World Cup must mean to the fans because I know how important this afternoon will be to me, whatever part I play. It is something that you may never get to again, something that a lot of players never appear in. Whatever happens to me now, I will always be able to say I once went to the World Cup.



'We have prepared right and have belief'

and he also warned against any underestimation of their opponents.

If the omission of Owen will cause the most disappointment, it is the inclusion of Anderton and David Batty and the exclusion of Beckham that is the biggest surprise. Beckham, the only player who featured in every World Cup qualifying game for Hoddle, seems to have suffered because of recent poor form and because of the coach's desire to use a rejuvenated Anderton.

If the gamble goes wrong, Hoddle at least has the consolation of being able to call on Owen and Beckham from the bench. Both would be dangerous men to introduce late in the game and Hoddle refused to offer consolation to those who had missed out because they are almost certain to play some part, if not now then later in the competition as injuries and suspensions bite.

It is essential that England, who have only won three of their 14 opening games in leading tournaments, get off to a good start against the North Africans, who are probably the weakest of the continent's representatives.

With the game against the group seeds, Romania, to follow in Toulouse next Monday, and the unpredictable Colombians lying in wait the following Friday, England must get three points here to give themselves a solid basis for qualification for the second round.

"All the games have been very difficult for the so-called favourites so far," Hoddle said. "I expect nothing different tomorrow. If it is 1-0 then that is fine. First things first, we want to win. It is no good playing excellent football for three games and then getting on the plane home. That does

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A pensive Sheringham considers the task ahead yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

### Del Piero claims camera lied

ALESSANDRO DEL PIERO, the Italian striker, has become embroiled in a row with Rai, the Italian state television company, over pictures that showed him seated while everyone else on the bench celebrated the equaliser scored by Roberto Baggio, his rival, in the 2-2 draw against Chile. Del Piero said yesterday that he was upset that Rai had shown pictures of him four minutes after the goal.

"I was deeply disappointed with the way some of the media covered the way I reacted," Del Piero said. "They showed shots of me four minutes after the goal and then suggested I wasn't celebrating. What am I supposed to do? Keep my arms in the air until the end of the match?"

Jacopo Volpi, the head of Rai, said: "It was five seconds after and not four minutes. We didn't intend to suggest Del Piero wasn't happy, we just wanted to show an anomaly."

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Sunday best seals win to confirm Nigeria's arrival as genuine contenders Spain feel the force out of Africa

Table with 2 columns: SPAIN (2 goals: Hierro (23), Raul (47)), NIGERIA (3 goals: Adepohji (24), Zubizarreta (og, 73), Okech (78)).

FROM OLIVER HOLT FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

PROPELLED by their dreams, the Nigeria players had strode out of their dressing-room as if they were kings. In the Mixed Zone, the area at every World Cup stadium where the victors and the vanquished are asked to bare their souls to the media...



Zubizarreta, the Spain goalkeeper, and his white-shirted team-mates can only watch as Okech's fierce shot secures a dramatic victory for Nigeria

eccentricities. African victories in world football can no longer be dismissed as lovable sideshows. The lingering ignorance and parochialism that still surround European views were evident when the Nigeria players were asked how they thought Tunisia might fare against England today...

These wins cannot be dismissed as lovable sideshows

In the midst of all this, Javier Clemente, the Spain manager, emerged pale and shocked on to a dais above the mêlée. The dancers took no notice, swaying and yelling their circle of exultation. Clemente looked aghast, confronted once more by the spirit of what had crept up on him and the rest of his nation...

The African Nations Cup for political reasons and in a run of poor form, were not even at their peak, shorn of their two leading strikers, Daniel Amokachi and Nwankano Kanu, through injury. But against a side boasting some of the most aristocratic names in European football - Raul, Hierro, Nadal, Alfonso and Sergio - they proved they were their equal in every department.

Nigeria have never been short on skill, flair and strength, but now they have added formidable organisation and passing economy to their repertoire. The overindulgence that once restricted them has been banished by the pragmatism that they have learnt from playing in Europe...

Spain, with Hierro and Nadal standing shoulder to shoulder in a powerful mid-field buttress for the defence, controlled the game in the first 20 minutes and Hierro opened the scoring midway through the half with a free kick that curled low into the corner after Rufai appeared to have mis-judged its flight.

Raul had already seen an early header cannon off the crossbar and it seemed that Spain were about to enter home. Even the drumbeat coming from the ranks of Nigeria supporters in one corner of the ground began to dim. Then, in the 25th minute, Hierro mistimed his leap as he tried to clear a corner and Adepohji rose behind him and powered his header into the roof of the net.

The rest of the half was Nigeria's and with Finidi and Okocha in full flight - and with Okech parading the area in front of his defence with even more efficacy than Nadal and Hierro - Clemente was forced to change his system at half-time, reverting to a back four with Nadal at its heart and Amor in midfield.

It seemed to have worked when Raul scored a majestic left-foot volley just after the restart, but then Zubizarreta allowed Nigeria back into the game when he could only push Lawal's tame shot into his goal at his near post. Spain disintegrated, Raul especially, and Nigeria seized their chance.



Okech, right, and West savour the moment of triumph

and in off the right-hand post. On the touchline, their coach, Bora Milutinovic, leapt off the bench. In the stands, the drumbeat quickened and the dancing began.

Koreans still waiting to make waves

Table with 2 columns: SOUTH KOREA (1 goal: Sook-Ju Ha (28)), MEXICO (3 goals: Pelaez (31), Hernandez (74, 82)).

FROM BRIAN GLANVILLE

PITY poor South Korea. After 44 years they have still not won a game in the World Cup finals and yet the illusion danced before their eyes here on Saturday, when they went ahead with a slightly fortunate free kick.

Barely a minute later, however, the player who had scored, Ha Seok-Ju, was sent off for a violent tackle from behind - the first player in the tournament, though doubtless not the last, to be expelled for the offence. It is arguable whether, when he thundered into Jesus Ramirez, he deserved to go under any old rule.

That, as their manager, Cha Bum-Kun, confessed, put the Koreans at a desperate disadvantage. They compensated bravely, resourcefully and energetically for some while to come, but for the last 20 minutes they were very tired men indeed and Mexico strode the field.

That opening goal came after 25 minutes. It followed a stupid and unnecessary foul on Nob Jung-Yun, all the more surprising because it came from an experienced player as Garcia Aspe. Ha shot powerfully with his left foot, but the free kick would probably not have found its target had Davino not jumped in the wall, deflecting the ball with the top of his head.

Almost at once, off went Ha, and the ball, you might say, was emphatically in Mexico's court. They had already threatened a goal seven minutes before the Koreans, who were deploying just one striker, scored. Even with ten on the field, the Koreans had their sporadic moments. Almost instantly after Kim Byung-Ji had saved a drive from Luna a few minutes from half-time, Campos was obliged to punch out a ferocious left-foot shot from Ko Song-Joo.

The equaliser came five minutes into the second half. A left-wing corner by Ramirez flew across goal, bounced back off the hapless Yoo Sang-Chul and was put away easily by Pelaez.

When the Mexicans, almost inevitably, went ahead after 74 minutes, Kim Byung-Ji, who had played well until then, was unquestionably culpable. He somehow managed to lose Ramirez's long time for the left, giving time for Hernandez to control the ball and drive it low into the left-hand corner. The striker's celebrations were spectacular, though he did not drop to his knees and cross himself several times, as Pelaez had done.



Hernandez spectacular

Hernandez got the third goal, too, after 83 minutes, when Blanco squared the ball to him and he shot home, low with his right foot.

Lapuente said: "I am happy, we played well and did the maximum. This victory doesn't make me any more confident than before, but I am calmer, less nervous." However, it is hard to see this Mexican defence coping with the likes of Marc Overmars.

SOUTH KOREA (1-2-1): Kim Byung-Ji (Ulsan Hyundai) - Hong Myung-bo (Seoul FC), Kim Tae-Young (Chunnam Dragons), Lee Min-Sung (Pusan Daewoo), Lee Sang-Yoon (Chunnam Dragons), Lee Sang-Ho (Seoul FC), Kim Do-Hoon (Chunnam Dragons), Choi Sung-Yong (Seoul FC), Choi Sang-Young (Seoul FC), Choi Sang-Young (Seoul FC), Kim Do-Hoon (Seoul FC). Referee: G. Berio (Austria).

Stam provides a tonic for ailing Holland

IN A Paris café, the night before the game, Holland supporters were considering their team's prospects, dismissing one by one, Brazil, Argentina, Germany and, most definitely, England. An Englishman burst in, asking about Jaap Stam, wanting to know what qualities he possessed, given that he is bound for Manchester United next season, the world's most expensive defender at £10 million.

Before anybody could reply, one supporter lifted his arms above his head, with his fists half-closed. Then, explaining his gesture, he said: "Stam? He is good at holding up the cup." Hoops of laughter all round. Are those Dutch fans hallucinating now, though? On Holland's form in the Stade de France on Saturday evening, the Dutch will not be laying hands on the World Cup.

Stam, who has won Dutch league and cup honours with PSV Eindhoven, was the exception to an unexceptional Holland performance, always commanding, always tidy. Belgium, beaten twice by Holland in the qualifying tournament, defended in numbers and went forward with the caution of policeman entering a gunman's hideaway. It was 37 minutes before they kicked down a door, only to find Stam behind it, dismissing Oliveira and sparing Van der Sar, his goalkeeper, a call for back-up.

Stam might even have won the game, with a 75th-minute, 30-yard drive that De Wilde fumbled before gathering at the second attempt. Long-range Holland shooting was the trademark of the match, some good, some bad. The first half prodigy of Ronald de Boer, Frank de Boer and

Table with 2 columns: HOLLAND (0 goals), BELGIUM (0 goals). Venue: Stade de France, 75,000.

FROM DAVID POWELL

Seedorf, with strikes from outside the area that went over, gave way in the second half to more accurate missiles. De Wilde became Belgium's hero, producing a succession of fine saves. One double block saw him stop a drive by Hasselbaink with his knees, picking himself up to keep out Winters' strike from the rebound. Diving at Kluyvert's feet, he stopped an otherwise certain goal, and, from a venomous effort by Frank de

to two. It marks the latest chapter in his incident-packed short adult life.

In 1995 Kluyvert scored the winning goal in the European Cup final for Ajax against AC Milan. In 1996 he was convicted of causing death by dangerous driving and was given a suspended prison sentence and ordered to do community service. Then, last year, he faced a rape charge, later dropped.

Still only 21, Kluyvert could not afford to show his immaturity here, particularly as he has been struggling with his form since knee surgery two years ago. Van Hooijdonk, the Nottingham Forest striker on the substitutes' bench, took personal encouragement. The chances are getting bigger for me to play now," he said.

Holland (3-4-3): E. van der Sar (Ajax) - A. Winters (Internazionale), J. Stam (Manchester United), F. de Boer (Ajax) - R. de Boer (Ajax), P. Cocu (PSV Eindhoven), A. Numan (PSV Eindhoven), G. Seedorf (PSV Eindhoven), B. Zenden, PSV Eindhoven, M. Overmars (Arnhem), J. Hinkeldey (Leeds United), J. Kluyvert (AC Milan).

Belgium (3-3-3): F. de Wilde (Anderlecht) - S. Cuperen (Anderlecht), D. De Ridder (Anderlecht), F. Broeze, J. Van der Meer (Gent), S. Staelens (FC Brugge), M. Verstraeten (Gent), G. Groeninckx (FC Brugge), J. Verbeke (FC Brugge) - F. van der Elst (FC Brugge), J. Wilmots (Schakke 04), D. Borin (Maz), L. Olver (Preston), S. L. Filiparis, S. Landard (Lege), L. Niso (PSV Eindhoven). Referee: P. Collina (Italy).

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Japanese work ethic undone by Batistuta strike

THE pile of ash and fag-ends lying at Daniel Passarella's feet told a revealing story and it was not only the Argentina coach who was puffing away nervously by the end. Relieved to finish this game with three points intact thanks to a typical poucher's goal from Gabriel Batistuta, this was not the dazzling performance of potential world champions.



FROM MATT DICKINSON

We had come to drool over the delights of Ortega, Veron and Batistuta but left instead admiring the resilience and passion of the Japan side and their exuberant, irrepressible supporters. Four years before they stage the World Cup, football fever is indeed rising in the East.

For days leading up to this game, the streets of Toulouse had been filled by ticketless Japanese and their pleading DIY signs. Willing to pay whatever it took on the black market, some had been forced to hand over as much as £850 — so much for the country's economy being close to collapse.

By kick-off, they outnumbered the Argentinian supporters comfortably, and, for spells, so did their midfield. The work ethic has brought Japan success in many fields, and, in the absence of too much quality, it is the foundation of their football team. They buzzed around their South American opponents like flies, harassing and irritating them into uncharacteristic errors for the first and last 20 minutes of the game.

In between, the Argentinians controlled the tempo and sway of the game without ever really dominating. Contrary to expectations and national stereo-typing, Japan are not a team of midgets who can be intimidated out of the contest. Newcomers to the world game they may be, but they have little left to learn about shirt-pulling, shoulder barges and good old-fashioned hacks and should have received more than just the three cautions. Take away their robustness, as fatigue naturally does, and there was clear evidence that their first World Cup will be a short one. Hopelessly lacking self-belief and composure when the goal was within 50 yards, only the midfield players, Hidetoshi Nakata, was capable of lifting their game to a higher dimension. With his hair dyed ginger, he passed for a Japanese Alan Ball, scurrying around midfield. That or a Duracell battery as he scampered from first whistle to last. Quality would out in the end and, almost inevitably, it came from the feet of Batistuta. The

Florentina striker had few chances to prove why he remains on Manchester United's shopping list, but then for a forward of his calibre one opportunity is normally enough. So it proved after 28 minutes. Diego Simeone's through-ball was flicked on by Ortega and, when Hiroshi Nanami's attempted interception merely pushed the ball into Batistuta's path, he needed only one glance and a flick of his right boot to clip the ball past Kawaguchi.

It should have been the first of several goals, but the Argentinians just could not quite click into gear. A flicked Batistuta header hit the post shortly before half-time, and Claudio Lopez could only redirect his follow-up into the arms of the Japanese goalkeeper.

There were few other clear chances despite the good work of Juan Veron in midfield, comfortably the South American's most eye-catching player. Gambolling around the pitch, his socks seemingly round his ankles, the Sampdoria player will undoubtedly be one of the stars of this tournament provided his team progresses.

He will need more creative help from Ortega if that is to happen, however, the much-vaunted attacker having one of those days that even Maradona must have endured once or twice in his career. Twisting and turning down cul-de-sacs, he just could not wriggle free. The shortage of pace on the flanks is another potential weakness in a team that appeared relieved just to have put this game behind them. Still, "one game, one goal,



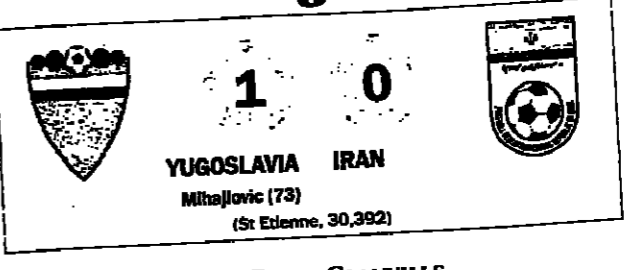
Batistuta, who scored Argentina's goal, forces his way past a Japanese defender

one win", as Batistuta said afterwards, although for that they had to rely on a fortunate deflection in the closing moments when Wagner Lopes's shot flew wide from a non-plussed defender. This was an Argentina team well short of their best, but that, for the

moment, will not be troubling Passarella. The real tests are still to come. ARGENTINA (3-4-1-2): C. Roa (Malgorca) — N. Vivas (Lugano), R. Ayala (Napoli), R. Sanzani (Parma), sub J. Charni, Lopez, 72 (Intercontinental), M. Simione (Internazionale), D. Simione (Internazionale), A. Orrego (Valencia), C. Lopez (Valencia), sub A. Salvo, AS Roma, 61), G. Batistuta (Florentina)

JAPAN (3-4-1-2): Y. Kawaguchi (Yokohama Marinos) — E. Nakashima (JEF United Ichihara), M. Ihara (Yokohama Marinos), Y. Akita (Kashima Antlers) — A. Maruyama (Kashima Antlers), H. Nanami (Júbilo Iwata), M. Yamaguchi (Yokohama Marinos), N. Sone (Kashima Antlers), sub T. Hirano, N. Sone (Kashima Antlers), 84) — H. Nakata (Bellmare Hiratsuka) — S. Jo (Yokohama Marinos), M. Nakayama (Júbilo Iwata), sub W. Lopes, Bellmare Hiratsuka 65) Referee: M. Van Der Ende (Holland)

Yugoslavia rescued by Mihajlovic



FROM BRIAN GLANVILLE

"It was a very hard game," Sinisa Mihajlovic said afterwards. "They defended very well and we were very lucky to get the goal," which was extremely modest of him, as it was he who scored the goal with one of those fuming left-foot free kicks for which he is renowned. It came after 72 minutes, at a time when it seemed more and more unlikely that the Yugoslavs would score against an increasingly confident defence.

The Iranians threw away a glorious chance in the first half and, had they put it away, who knows what would have happened then? The opportunity was created by their two accomplished strikers, Khodadad Azizi and Ali Dai, who found Minavard thundering in from the left, having been quite ignored by an amateur defence. It seemed odds-on the Yugoslavs would pay for their aberration, but, in his over-egerness, Minavard struck the ball wide.

Only once more did Iran strike effectively but on that occasion, too, the move was worth a goal, and this time they got the ball squarely on the target, forcing an accomplished save from the Yugoslav goalkeeper, Ivica Kraji. With just a few minutes left, Javad Zarincheh overlapped at speed on the right and put over an excellent cross. Dai, in classic style, got his head to the ball but Kraji was equal to the challenge.

Much of the first half looked like an exercise in suspended animation. The Yugoslavs controlled the ball neatly, rolled it about nicely but seemed curiously devoid of any urgency. Perhaps they thought their greater experience would, in due course, inevitably bring them the goals they needed. They might even have scored one after 17 minutes in somewhat slow motion style.

Their veteran captain, Dragan Stojkovic, once a Red Star Belgrade hero, now playing in Japan, put over a corner from the left. On the far post, the tall Goran Djorovic got in a looping header, which curled over both Iran's goalkeeper and two defenders

leaping on the line, only to strike the bar. But with Azizi, who plays in the Bundesliga for FC Cologne, so brisk, active and inventive, with Karim Bagheri using the ball so well in midfield, Iran were never out of the game and, just before half-time, Bagheri hit a powerful free kick that Kraji was happy to beat down. It was not a first half to draw children from play or old men from the chimney corner, but the second half was played at greater pace. The Yugoslavs eventually brought on their newest young star, Dejan Stankovic, who has just joined Lazio for a king's ransom, and he showed that he could operate successfully in midfield as well as score goals.

Zoran Mirkovic was pulled back into a defence which appeared to have the Iranian attackers rather more seriously. In the first half, Zeljko Petrovic had been wandering unfielded at will. Nevertheless, their goal came as something of a surprise. Mihajlovic, so unexpectedly in the back three, having found fame as a midfielder, was given the opportunity to wallop the ball from 30 yards, and it tore past Nima Nakisa, ending in the right-hand corner. Hard to think of any keeper who could have saved that one.

Before Dai's formidable header, there were a couple of frissons at either end. Azizi, helped by the substitute Mansourian, facilitated a drive by Mahdavia which Djorovic blocked. Mihajlovic, with a belated flash of his undoubted class, made space out of nothing on the left, for a shot which Nakisa turned over. Like the other members of the team, he emerged with honour. YUGOSLAVIA (3-5-2): I. Kraji (Partizan Belgrade) — G. Djorovic (Coca Cola), S. Mihajlovic (Sampdoria), Z. Petrovic (Lazio), Z. Mirkovic (Atalanta), S. Stankovic (Tottenham), B. Brnovic (Espanol), sub Dejan Stankovic, Lazio, 57), D. Stojkovic (Napoli), sub D. Knezevic, Real Sociedad, 69) — P. Mijatovic (Real Madrid), S. Milosevic (Real Zaragoza), sub P. Ogrizovic, Red Star, 61) IRAN (3-5-2): N. Nakisa (Persepolis) — M. Mahdavia (Persepolis), M. Khoshdel (Persepolis), M. Pashazadeh (Ezrahi), — H. Bagheri (Amir Kabayeh), H. Estaji (Bahman), sub A. R. Mansourian, Estaji, 69), J. Zarincheh (Dai), M. Belenki (Persepolis) — A. Dai (Amir Kabayeh), K. Azizi (Cologne) Referee: A. Tejada Noriega (Peru)

German politicians call for exclusion of rivals

By RUSSELL KEMPSON

FIFA, football's world governing body, yesterday rejected a call by German politicians to expel Yugoslavia from the World Cup because of the escalating violence in the mainly ethnic Albanian region of Kosovo. Benno Zierer, an MP in the ruling Christian Democratic Party (CDU), said it was inappropriate for Germany, who are in Yugoslavia's World Cup group, to play against them "while Slobodan Milosevic [the Yugoslav president] is envisaging a confrontation with Nato". Zierer called for the Yugoslavia team to be excluded "for the rest of the World Cup" but his demand was met with a cool response from Fifa.

"It is our political line to follow that of the United Nations," Keith Cooper, a Fifa spokesman, said. However, he admitted that Fifa had received many letters protesting about the situation in Kosovo. "As Yugoslavia qualified in sporting terms and there is no UN directive otherwise, there is no need for us to revise our position." Yugoslavia, who defeated Iran 1-0 in their opening group F match in St Etienne yesterday, are due to meet Germany in Lens on Sunday. The Germans were banned from taking their place in the 1992 European championship because of the war in Bosnia. Denmark replaced them and went on to win the tournament. They were also excluded from the 1994 World Cup finals in the United States.

Marcelo Salas, the Chile striker, gave his team-mates a scare yesterday when he left a training session holding his right thigh. Five minutes into the practice game, between the first team and the reserves, Salas felt a minor pull in the thigh and left the field. He was quickly examined by Eugenio Valdecantos, the Chile team doctor, who treated him with heat pads and a massage. Salas was able to walk without limping and Valdecantos said later that it was only a minor strain and that the player would be available for the match against Austria on Wednesday. He scored both goals when Chile drew 2-2 against Italy in their first game in group B.

Police have broken up two gambling syndicates in Singapore that were taking bets on matches in the World Cup finals. Authorities arrested 15 people from the syndicates last Wednesday, the first day of the tournament. The action was co-ordinated with Hong Kong authorities, who conducted simultaneous raids. Various syndicates in both countries were operating closely together. The Hong Kong anti-corruption agency said that 30 people, including Hong Kong football players and a police officer, had been arrested for alleged illegal gambling and possible match-fixing. Illegal gambling on football remains a huge business in Asia, with transactions reaching millions of pounds annually. Reports from the region have regularly included claims of coordinated match-fixing on a global scale.

Disneyland Paris was the backdrop for a dream encounter for 300 children from the slums of Rio de Janeiro. A chance meeting with the entire Brazilian squad at the theme park on Saturday crowned their trip to the French capital. The children were flown to France by a Norwegian humanitarian group.

WORLD CUP DIARY

Spanish newspapers press panic button

ENGLISH players and managers frequently complain, to the point of paranoia, about the overreaction of the Fourth Estate, but it would appear that defeat is met with similar angst by newspapers around the globe. Spain's surprise 3-2 defeat against Nigeria prompted headlines of "Our world has fallen apart" and "Spain's world is punctured". An editorial in *Diario 16* said that Spain were "excessively irregular and disorientated" and blamed Javier Clemente, the coach. "Clemente stinks — one of our worst performances in recent years," Madrid's *ABC* newspaper proclaimed, while *El Mundo* stormed: "Hopes flushed down the toilet by Clemente." Still mild, perhaps, compared with the vilification that England will receive if they lose, or even draw, against Tunisia this afternoon.

South Africa received sympathy from the highest level after their 3-0 defeat against France. Lucas Radebe, the South Africa captain and Leeds United defender, took a phone call from his country's President, Nelson Mandela. "Mandela told Lucas that the team should not lose faith, that there are still two games to go and that they should play with hope and conviction," a team spokesman said. "He told Lucas that he and the whole country were still right behind them."

Off the air

Diego Maradona, he of the Hand of God, is unlikely to grace the World Cup with his

presence this year. Poor old Diego was due to commentate for America, the Buenos Aires television station, but is unhappy at the 34-month suspended prison sentence that was imposed on him last Friday. "I feel very depressed and not inclined to take a decision on covering the World Cup as a TV commentator, at least for the time being," he said. Maradona, as always, fees hard done by. All he did was shoot an airgun at four journalists in 1994.

Tout of order

Touts were offering tickets for Japan's first World Cup finals match — against Argentina in Toulouse yesterday — at more than 100 times their face value. One tout, wearing an Argentina shirt, demanded £3,000 from Kei Kato, a Tokyo student, for a £25 ticket. "It must be a joke," Kato said. "I'll settle for £300 but no more." Kato was one of thousands of Japanese fans who did not receive tickets that they had originally paid for at home.



Maradona: depressed

Advertisement for Vauxhall featuring a cartoon character in a chef's hat and a car. Text: NOT GOING TO THE WORLD CUP THIS SUMMER? LET VAUXHALL BRING IT TO YOU.

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THE WORLD CUP TODAY

GROUP G

ROMANIA v COLOMBIA

FROM BRIAN GIANVILLE

This is a game that Romania must surely win if they hope to head the group of which England are members...

It does not look as if Gomez, the Colombia manager, is going to take many chances. The rubber-legged Tino Asprilla...

Although they may well have five men in midfield, Romania, in the image of Dan Petrescu...

ROMANIA (probable 5-3-2) B Steloaie — Gherghe Popescu, D Petrescu, C Chitacu, I Ciobotaru, J Filipescu, D Munteanu — G Popa, Gabriel Popescu, C Galca — A Ila, V Moldovan.

ENGLAND v TUNISIA

Oliver Holt's match preview, page 29 ENGLAND (probable 3-5-2) D Seaman — G Southgate, A Adams, S Campbell — D Anderson, D Batty, P Ince, P Scholes, G Le Tiss...

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GROUP F

GERMANY v UNITED STATES

FROM DAVID POWELL

When the United States enter the Parc des Princes this evening, they will not be walking in fear of the French guillotine...

Steve Sampson, the US coach, does not believe that his players need to be in the first-round chopping block...

Sampson's confidence is built on the foundation of an unbeaten run of five matches in warm-up fixtures...

The feeling that anything is possible entered the US thinking in February when they defeated Brazil 1-0 in the Gold Cup...

In defence, Germany are not the fortress they were and, in the absence of Matthias Sammer, their injured sweeper, Lothar Matthaus, 37, has been brought back...

GERMANY (probable 4-2-3-1) T. Kohler, C. Werners, J. Henrich, A. Möller, T. Hassler, J. Jaramas, C. Zeig, J. Keremann, O. Bierhoff.

UNITED STATES (probable 4-5-1) K. Keller — D. Parris, E. Pope, M. Burns, T. Dooley — T. Ramon, C. Reyna, C. Desiring, C. Jones, F. Hajduk — E. Wynalt.

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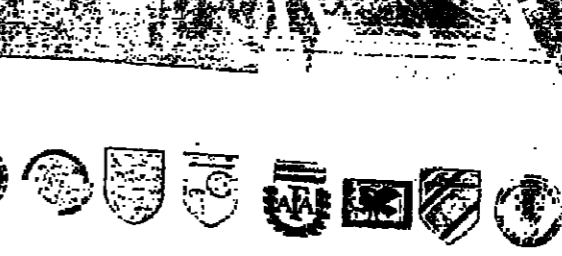
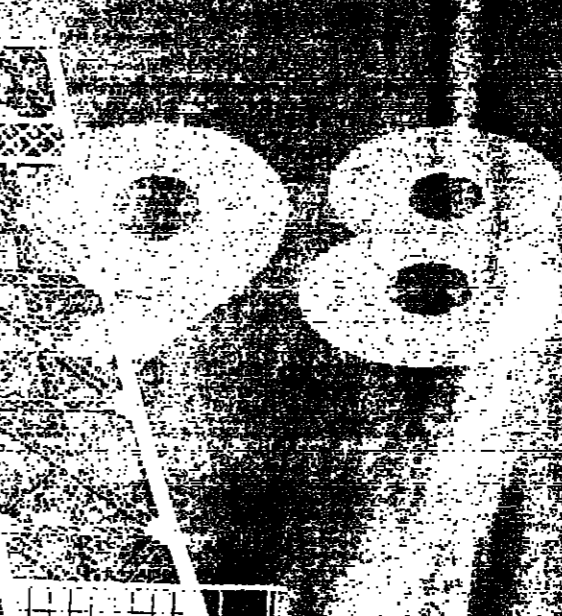


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Kee

CROSSING the line between player and manager is no easy matter. Being one of the best players on all-time football lists with a career that has seen him win a new Premier League title, a new FA Cup and a new FA Community Shield...

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for Belgium's loss to France in the semi-finals. The length of the hat is a measure of how long it has been in the ground. It is a measure of how long it has been in the ground...

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Schumacher off course

From Mr Nicholas Lynn Sir, Why is it that when he is given a taste of his own driving antics, Michael Schumacher feels compelled to lecture the rest of the Formula One community about dangerous driving, as he did after the Canadian Grand Prix last weekend?

Schumacher off course

This is a bit rich coming from a man who has so far shunned David Coulthard off the track in a reckless attempt to overtake and who, I seem to recall, last season engaged in exactly the kind of activity that Damon Hill mused out to him in Canada.

While Schumacher is clearly a very talented driver, he is also a bully in his tactics and attitude to the others in the race with him. The truth is that when others are not intimidated, he is liable to make errors like the recent one which is why he has not been successful for several years back when he was being pressured by Hill in their contests for the world championship.

It has come to the point now when the Formula One authorities need to exercise some impartiality in judging him, for nobody is bigger than the sport and if he is allowed to

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Warne, match-winner extraordinary, has been especially effective against England

Nationwide hunt begins for purveyors of the lost art

John Stern reports on the progress of a scheme designed to find a leg-break bowler to further the England cause

AN attempt to find a British counterpart to Shane Warne is the purpose behind the England and Wales Cricket Board's (ECB) leg-spin development programme...



Australians celebrate another Warne-inspired success

Control of them over the next few years? One notable absence from the wrist-spin programme is Chris Schofield, 19, of Lancashire...



Salisbury has been in good form for Surrey this season



Schofield may soon force his way into the Lancashire side

Bacher improves opening bid with balanced performance

By PAT GIBSON

ARUNDEL (final day of three): Sussex drew with the South Africans

THE South Africans left a dripping Arundel last night thankful for small mercies after the rain had allowed them less than a day and a half's cricket in their final opportunity for match practice before the second Test starts at Lord's on Thursday.

At least they had been permitted 136 minutes' batting and that was time enough for Adam Bacher to make his case for a recall as Gary Kirsten's opening partner. They had put on 96 in 36 overs when one last downpour ended the game at tea-time.

Bacher, nephew of Dr Ali Bacher, South Africa's cricket supremo, was dropped at the end of the home series against Pakistan earlier this year after averaging only 27 in his first 15 Tests but his replacement, Gerhardus Liebenberg, has not looked a Test opener. He got a duck on his debut against Sri Lanka at Centurion Park and, although he made 45 in the second innings, he managed only three in the first Test at Edgbaston.



Brian McMillan, the South Africa all-rounder, points to a possible Test recall at Lord's

Bacher, who admitted that he felt "down and out" before the tour began, has benefited from a pep talk from Pat Symcox, the veteran off-spinner. "He told me not to go around sulking because I was not in the side," Bacher said, "but to go out and enjoy myself, and that is what I am doing."

The positive approach appears to be working. Bacher made 39 off 35 balls in the one-day game against Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge last week, hitting two sixes and four fours, and after playing solidly through some difficult early overs on a pitch freshened by the rain here, he despatched Michael Strong,

making his debut for Sussex, for three fours in one over, with two handsome cover drives and a ferocious pull. Kirsten, meanwhile, was maintaining the form he has shown outside the one-day internationals and the Tests by making an unruffled 51 off 96 balls, including six fours, to take his tour aggregate to 371 at an average of 92.75.

The South Africans had taken Sussex's last four wickets in 7.3 overs as they subsided from their overnight 252 for five to 277 all out, with Keith Newell unable to resume because of a damaged hand. A scan has revealed that Allan Donald's ankle trouble is no more than the normal wear and tear that a fast bowler has to endure and South Africa will go to Lord's with an unchanged attack.

SCOREBOARD FROM ARUNDEL

Table with cricket scores for Sussex vs South Africa, including batting and bowling statistics for both sides.

SATURDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Durham v Northamptonshire

CHESTER-LE-STREET (third day of four): Durham, with six first-innings wickets in Northamptonshire...

Essex v Surrey

CHELSEA-FORD (third day of four): Essex, with two first-innings wickets in Surrey...

Glamorgan v Worcestershire

CARDIFF (third day of four): Glamorgan, with six second-innings wickets in Worcestershire...

Leicestershire v Kent

LEICESTER (third day of four): Kent, with three first-innings wickets in Leicestershire...

Lancashire v Somerset

OLD TRAFFORD (third day of four): Lancashire, with one second-innings wicket in Somerset...

Warwickshire v Gloucestershire

BRISTOL (third day of four): Warwickshire, with eight second-innings wickets in Gloucestershire...

New Zealand v Sri Lanka

COLombo (fourth day of five): Sri Lanka, with one first-innings wicket in New Zealand...

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Test call inspires Headley

By MICHAEL AUSTIN

LEICESTER (Kent won 2pts; No result (Leicestershire 2pts; Kent 2pts))

AN invigorating spell of three wickets for 4 marked the return of Dean Headley to the England team for the second Test against South Africa at Lord's on Thursday. He exploited damp conditions with tantalising movement to dismiss Simmons, Maddy and Lewis in the space of five overs.

Headley's penetrating bowling was not the only Kent instance of déjà vu. For the second successive match in the AXA League, they were deprived of a winning opportunity by rain, the game being abandoned at 6pm. The previous week, Sussex had been lottering at 50 for four against Leicestershire when in an even more parlous position at 25 for five from nine overs in a match reduced to 28 overs a side.

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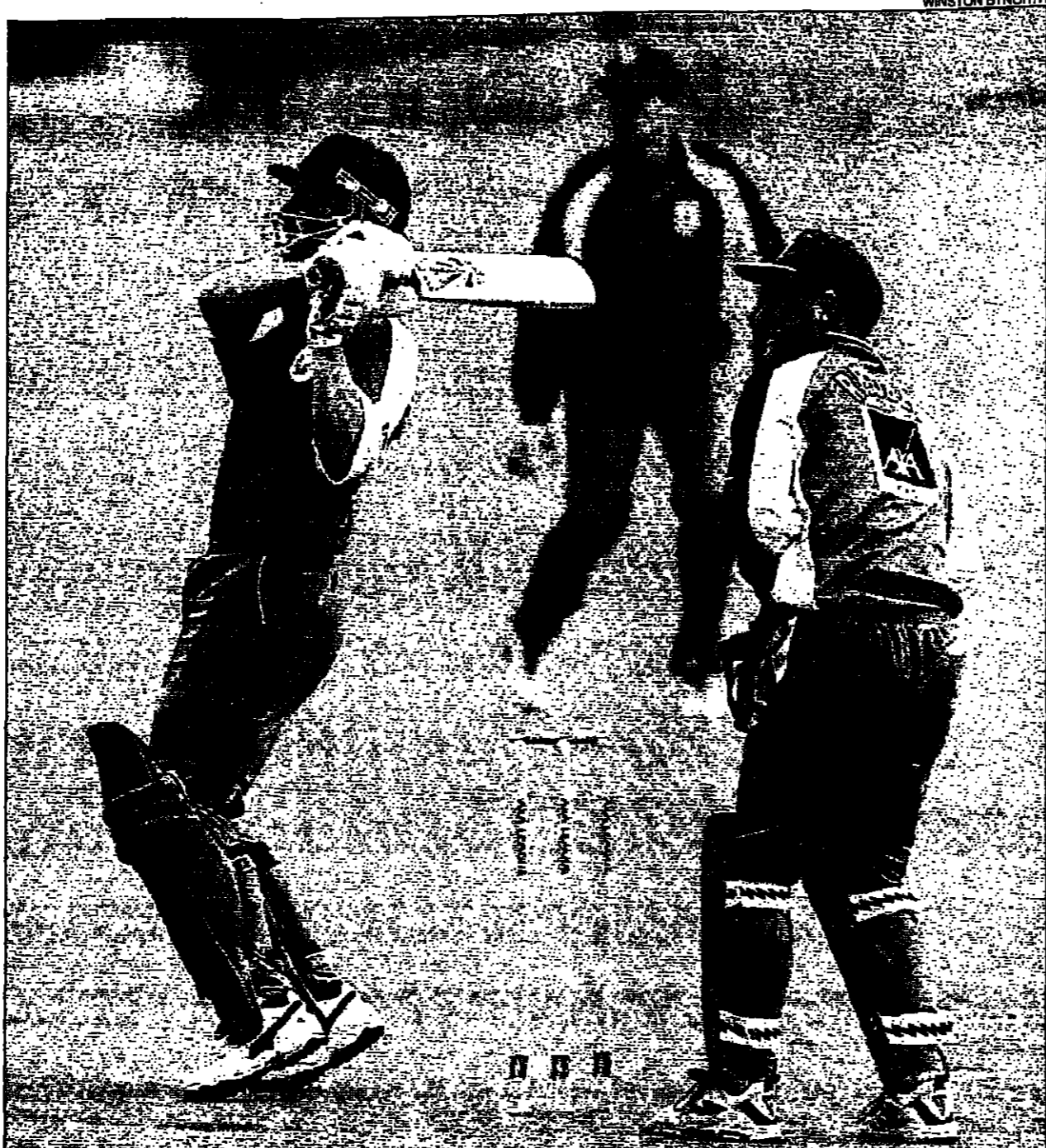
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CRICKET

Lancashire sky lit up by Flintoff's firepower

By MICHAEL HENDERSON

OLD TRAFFORD (Lancashire won toss): Lancashire (pts) beat Somerset by six wickets... ON WEDNESDAY, Lancashire play Surrey in a day-night game at Old Trafford...



Maynard strikes Haynes for four at Cardiff yesterday but his 42 off 34 balls was not enough for the home side

Hick makes light of hard task

CARDIFF (Worcestershire won toss): Worcestershire (pts) beat Glamorgan by seven wickets... DUNCAN FLETCHER assesses the prospects of returning to Glamorgan as coach next year...

James was sacrificed in pursuit of quick runs and Shaw was stumped attempting to hit the final ball of Illingworth's spell into the nearby leisure centre...

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Table of cricket scores from various matches including Essex v Surrey, Lancashire v Somerset, and Gloucestershire v Warwickshire.

Gloucestershire v Warwickshire

BRISTOL (Gloucestershire won toss): No result. Gloucestershire 2pts, Warwickshire 2... GLOUCESTERSHIRE... WARWICKSHIRE...

Lancashire v Somerset

OLD TRAFFORD (Lancashire won toss): Lancashire (pts) beat Somerset by six wickets... SOMERSET... LANCASHIRE...

Yorkshire's ambitions dampened

HEADINGLEY (Yorkshire won toss): Match abandoned. Yorkshire (2pts), Hampshire (2)... HAD this match concluded, one would have expected a Yorkshire victory...

Giddins gathers consolation prize

BRISTOL (Gloucestershire won toss): Match abandoned (Gloucestershire and Warwickshire 2pts each)... GOOD intentions turned to farce at the County Ground when, with the sun streaming down...

Surrey left with hopeless chase

CHELMSFORD: Essex (4pts) beat Surrey by 26 runs (D/L method)... IT WAS one of those awful rain-affected days in the Axa League yesterday when match-revising things as minimum overs to be bowled for a result and runs needed for a win...

Henry the favourite for Wales

GRAHAM HENRY, the coach of Auckland Blues, is front-runner for the job of Wales rugby union national coach... THE New Zealander has made no secret of his desire to coach on the international stage...

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SPORT IN BRIEF

FENCING: Marek Stepień, from Poland, won the Miller Hallett Open FA epee championship... ROWING: Caus finished Head of the Cambridge Mays for the first time in ten years... CYCLING: Armand de las Cuevas, of France, won the eight-day Dauphine Libère race...

Human Rights

McGinley and Egan v United Kingdom... The European Court of Human Rights held, by six votes to three, that the non-disclosure of portions of the military medical records of the applicants as well as the records of radiation levels on Christmas Island following nuclear tests did not amount to a denial of effective access to a court in violation of article 6 of the European Convention of Human Rights...

THE TIMES MONDAY... THE TI... Regis... Ex pe... Firm... Solicit... Bardas Bank plc... Legg & Dean a Firm... Same v. N. E. Hopkin... Co (a Firm)... THE TIMES... CRICKET... Reports and scores from the Britannia Assurance county championship... Call 0891 525 019... Calls cost 50p per minute... Human Right... Nor... McGinley and Egan v United Kingdom... Article 6 provides: "1. Everyone has the right to a fair and public hearing... 2. There shall be no interference with a public authority with the exercise of this right except such as is necessary in a democratic society in the interests of national security, the protection of health or morals, or for the protection of the rights and freedoms of others..."





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Coach ready to make wholesale changes for meeting with All Blacks after windswept defeat

# Improving England blown off course

New Zealand A ..... 18  
England XV ..... 10

FROM DAVID HANDS  
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT  
IN HAMILTON

IF CLIVE WOODWARD, the England coach, could describe the loss of 76 points to Australia as a freak result, then he should beware of drawing too much comfort from the match at Rugby Park here on Saturday, when the rain lashed down, the wind blew and mistakes were ten a penny.

There have not been many days like this in recent English winters and Graham Henry, the New Zealand A coach, wisely suspended judgment on England "until I have seen them on a dry track" — that is to say, until he could see normal playing skills in normal conditions, rather than individuals playing with heart and fire but with every excuse for a high error count.

The England touring party can derive considerable solace from the improvements that they have made since they have been in New Zealand, though that also emphasises some of the curious selections made against Australia. This was a well-balanced New Zealand second string (the All Blacks, like England, are missing a dozen or more players through injury) and England stood toe to toe with them, considerably enhancing their fragile morale.

However, the absence of control was cruelly exposed after the interval, when New Zealand introduced Jon Preston at scrum half. He and Lee Stensness, who unveiled unsuspected kicking skills, used the wind to pin England in their own half for nearly all the second half. Only once did England look likely to gain a hold in the opposing 22 and Josh Lewsey failed to find touch with a penalty, one of many lessons for the young fly half.

The match suggested that Woodward could change at least half the XV that started in Brisbane for the first meeting with the All Blacks in Dunedin on Saturday. He will look at those members of the party who have yet to play when England travel to Invercargill tomorrow to meet a New Zealand Academy XV, but such individuals as Phil Greening, Nick Beal and Steve Ojomoh have put down markers.

The Gloucester connection emer-



Under the weather: Greening, the England hooker, and his front-row colleagues had to battle against the elements as well as New Zealand A in Hamilton

ged powerfully from Hamilton but none more than Greening, who endured so dismal a domestic season. The hooker lost nothing in comparison to his experienced opposite number, Norman Hewitt, as ball-carrier, tackler or thrower-in, and all of Kingsholm will have enjoyed the sight of a trademark close-range lineout: Dave Sims the catcher and Rob Fidler driven over by his colleagues for the first try of the tour.

"He could be world-class if he got himself in better physical condition," Woodward said of Greening. "In terms of raw ability he's outstanding. He's right up there as

an international-class hooker, but if he wants to get into the World Cup squad he has to get himself in shape." Since that is Greening's self-confessed ambition, next season will clearly be a big one for him.

There could even be a first cap for one of the Gloucester locks, because Woodward is frank in his disappointment at the lack of impact made in Brisbane by Garath Archer and Danny Grewcock, but Ojomoh seems likely to create the greater selection problem at No.8. Tony Diprose captained England nine days ago but the bustling power and sure hands of Ojomoh carried him farther over the gain-line than

Diprose managed. With Ben Clarke forcing his way into the frame, Woodward is confident that he can field a competitive pack in Dunedin.

What will happen behind the pack is a different story. Lewsey is nowhere near the standard required of an international fly half, though given his lack of experience at senior level in the position that is hardly surprising. Beal both shored up the midfield and contrived to find space, no mean achievement on such a day, and looks certain to win a third cap in a third different position, having won his first at full back and his second on the wing.

The experiment of playing Tom

Beim at full back was hardly a success. His ability to come forward was limited by the slippery surface, his judgment in defence questionable and he deserves a game in the more familiar position on the left wing. Matt Perry will surely return to full back for the international.

Jomah Lomu contributed significantly to New Zealand A's opening try, twice preoccupying defenders to create space for the overhead pass by Andrew Blowers that sent the promising Caleb Ralph over, but a question mark hangs over his fitness and the All Blacks management may leave a decision over him and Joeli Vidiri until Wednesday.

SCORERS: New Zealand A: Tries: Ralph (5 min), Stensness (43). Conversion: Cashmore. Penalty goals: Cashmore 2 (7, 57). England XV: Try: Fidler (23). Conversion: Lewsey. Penalty goal: Lewsey (9).  
SCORING SEQUENCE (New Zealand A first): 3-0, 3-3, 8-3, 8-10 (half-time), 15-10, 18-10.  
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Referee: P. O'Brien (Southland).

## Woodward laments new age of the big spenders

FROM DAVID HANDS

CLIVE WOODWARD'S pessimism over the structure of English rugby has been fuelled by the presence in New Zealand of leading club officials on the lookout for southern-hemisphere talent. The England coach believes that the legacy handed down to his successor will make success in the 2003 World Cup even more difficult.

"The players I will have in next year's World Cup will be largely the product of the old system," Woodward said yesterday. "But whoever inherits the situation will struggle. I have no doubt. How can the whole world seem to understand what is going on, except those in England?"

Woodward's hackles, already raised by elements of the Mayfair Agreement between the Rugby Football Union and the leading clubs that he believes will hinder him in his coaching role, have been stiffened by the appearance of Zinzan Brooke and Nigel Melville, tawling for talent on behalf of Harlequins and Wasps respectively.

There has also been criticism by David Moffett, the New Zealand Rugby Football Union chief executive, of English clubs that would rather buy in talent than produce it themselves.

Meanwhile, one home-grown product, Ben Sturnham, 24, has moved from Saracens to Bath. The flanker, who made his international debut against Australia nine days ago, has shot up the rankings during the past eight months, aided by the absence of Richard Hill, who is injured.

The three-year contract that he has agreed with Bath takes him away from the club he joined at 18. "I want to play first-team rugby in the Premiership to keep my place in the England squad," he said.

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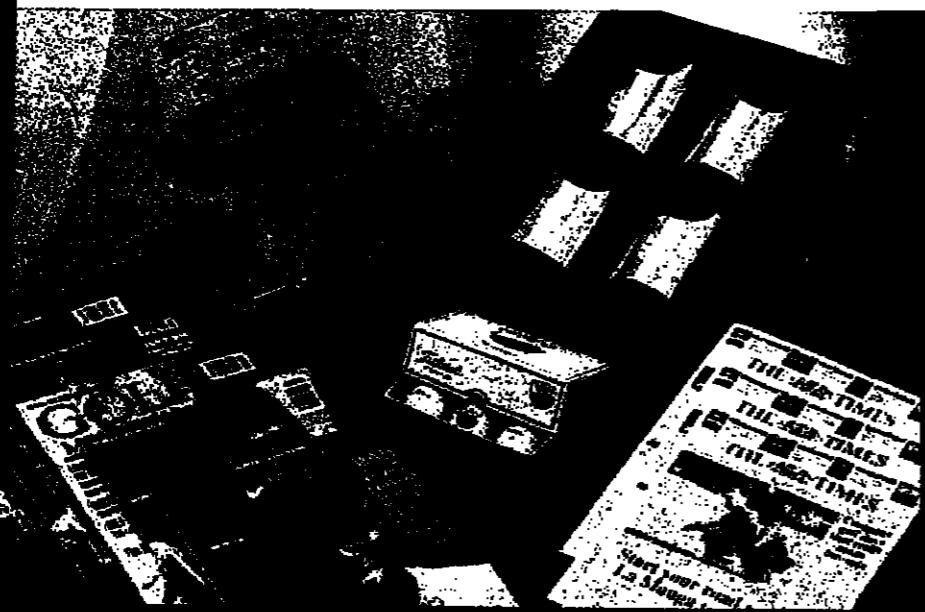
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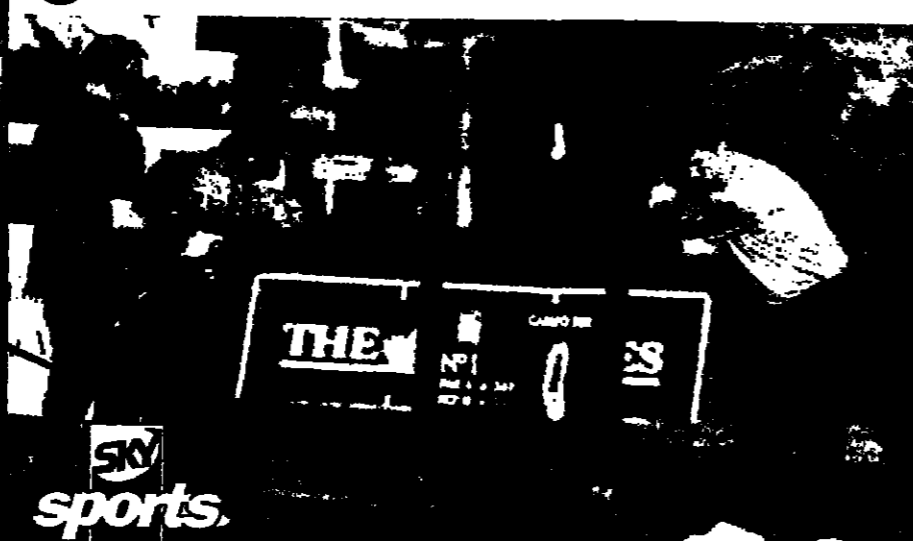
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Stuart Urquhart, left, and his identical twin brother, Richard, go to a school where every outdoor sports facility is close at hand

# Twins join forces on the water

Coll Macdougall meets two brothers who revel in a sporting life in the remote but beautiful countryside of Perthshire

Stuart and Richard Urquhart, who are identical twins, insist that they sail for the fun of the sport rather than the glory. "Winning is a bonus," Stuart, the elder brother, said. The Urquharts, who are members of the Royal Findhorn yacht club, which sprang to international prominence a decade ago with the launch of an abortive challenge for the America's Cup, are the national Buzza class under-18 champions. They will not be defending their title as they have just moved up to a Laser 4000 and will be campaigning every weekend after they leave Rannoch School this week.

stoun, they already sailed Topper dinghies and continue to do so on Loch Rannoch, which always provides testing conditions, as sudden squalls sweep down from the surrounding high hills, and steep waves can build up within minutes. "Coping with such stimulating tests of boat-handling has helped us to be confident wherever we compete," Richard said. When they moved up to their Buzz dinghy, Stuart was the automatic choice as helmsman as he had won more often when they raced each other in their Toppers. Given the sudden wind and wave changes on the loch, safety is a priority. This is provided by the loch patrol, organised by the school and led by the Urquharts. "Although we are joint heads of school sailing, we have always taken our proper share of the loch patrol," Richard said. "We come from a family that has always messed about in boats." Their father is a past commodore of the Royal



Hartwell, his deputy, are full of praise for the Urquhart twins, who they say so well represent the ethos of the school, which has 250 boys and girls.

The school is known for its prowess in outdoor sports and the Urquharts point to the career of the British Isles rugby union prop, Tom Smith, a former pupil, to Toby Fichtner-Irving, an Olympic shooting prospect, and to their rarely defeated cross-country running teams.

However, they are emphatic that, although the school has unsurpassed sporting facilities, its academic and cultural activities are also outstanding, something that Richard endorses by pointing out that everyone from his high year will be going on to college or university within weeks.

Ability participation, which is the essence of Rannoch School life, is exemplified best by two unique events: the Buachaille Dash — a 14-mile run across Rannoch Moor followed by the ascent of Stobh Dearg, the highest point of Buachaille Etive Mor, in Glencoe, and a return run — and the 40-Miler, in which pupils and staff run, walk or cycle that distance back to the school over a testing and tortuous route.

## GOLF

# Rain check costs Stewart dear

By MEL WEBBS

A PIECE of history of the worst kind was enacted at Slayley Hall yesterday morning, when the last rites were performed on the Compaq European Grand Prix. Never in the annals of the European Tour has a tournament been so badly affected by the weather, more torrential rain overnight causing the event to be abandoned at 10am with more than a hundred players waiting to complete their second rounds.

Even the most cursory look at the course underlined the rectitude of the decision made by Mike Stewart, the tournament director. There was a large pond in the middle of the 10th fairway and the holes most affected all week, the 11th, 12th and 13th, had all but disappeared under the deluge.

For the fourth day running, players arrived at 6.30am, but they must have known even then that the 7am inspection would reveal the extent of the damage. Stewart gave the course every chance to recover, but it was clear from very early on that his decision to delay a final announcement by three hours was no more than a formality.

The failure to complete 36 holes meant that none of the £650,000 purse will be paid, but the event organisers are to look at their insurance policies to see if players can be paid their out-of-pocket expenses. "The players are disappointed but philosophical that we have had to take this step," Stewart said.

"Naturally, we're very disappointed that we have had to abandon the tournament, because the course has quite clearly been in the

best condition ever." Various options were discussed, including trying to get at least 36 holes completed today, and also re-scheduling the tournament later in the season, but all were finally rejected.

"Discussions have taken place over the past two or three days about the feasibility of rescheduling the event, but it is not an option because it would be very difficult for the various groups involved," Stewart said.

There was even a slim possibility that the tournament might return to Slayley Hall for perhaps only one day later in the year to try to achieve some sort of a result for the record books. On the US PGA Tour, the players who appeared in February in the rain-ravaged AT & T National Pro-Am at Pebble Beach will return in August to play the last round, but this manoeuvre was also rejected by tournament organisers at Slayley Hall.

The culprit in the piece was the exceptional amount of rain that has fallen in the area for the past 2½ months. April saw nearly 3½ times and May 1½ times their average, and the average figure for the whole of June has already been exceeded by 20 per cent in the first two weeks of the month.

Meanwhile, Compaq, the sponsor, will be hoping for better luck in the third and last year of its contract in 1999. Last year, as this, its tournament was in the week preceding the US Open, which meant that the field lacked most of Europe's biggest names. Compaq, and golf enthusiasts in the North East of England, deserve better.

## CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY MAY ROWING CES

A large table listing rowing events, names of participants, and other details for Cambridge University. The table is organized into columns for different events and participants.

# Rostron's prayers finally answered

By PATRICIA DAVIES

KIM ROSTRON won the British women's Amateur Championship at Little Aston, Sutton Coldfield, on Saturday with the help of a visit to Lichfield Cathedral, some deep breathing and three birdies in the last five holes of the final against Gwladys Nocera of France.

Rostron, from Clitheroe, was unfazed by the wintry conditions throughout the semi-finals and most of the final.

All week, Rostron coped calmly with every distraction, not least the all-consuming Curtis Cup speculation. The team was finalised during the championship and will be announced tomorrow — although the players and the reserves were put out of their misery last night. Rostron was out in the second last group in the first qualifying round but she and Robert Andrew, her fiancé, caddie and calming influence, put in time by visiting Lichfield Cathedral and stayed for afternoon prayers.

only one of their 12 matches, at the 17th, Nocera, from Vichy, where they know about water, took advantage of some ragged play from Hilary Monaghan on the back nine to beat the former Scottish champion by 3 and 2.

Rostron finished the final two under par. The first five holes were halved and the Lancastrian moved ahead with a par four at the 6th. Rostron also won the next, but the pivotal moment came at the short 9th, where she bunkered her tee shot and Nocera hit hers to within six feet. The Englishwoman holed out from the sand, escaped with a half in two and took charge.

At the 11th she holed a wicked 35-foot putt for a birdie three and at the 12th conceded another birdie, from a couple of feet, when Nocera, who had driven into thick rough and trees, could do no better than a bogey six. Rostron lost the 13th but closed out the match at the 15th, where she hit a six-iron to 15 inches for yet another birdie and the title.

In the semi-finals, in teeming rain, Rostron maintained her hex over Fiona Brown, beating her England colleague, who has won

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COMPANIES



MICHAEL CLARK

Nerves of steel required as impact of falling Asian markets revealed

BRITISH STEEL: Full-year results later today are likely to be a double edged sword. Brokers will want to know to what extent the steel producer has managed to cut costs and whether it has been enough to offset the ill-effects of a strong pound and the economic slump in Asia.

Analysts are taking a cautious view of British Steel's prospects, forecasting pre-tax profits in the region of £300 million, down from £433 million last time.

The pound's strength against the mark will be a crucial factor in the final outcome. During the period under review it appreciated from DM2.46 to DM2.91. This is likely to have cost the group about £150 million on the bottom line, while the benefits from cost savings will be in the region of £50 million.

The group's markets in Asia have deteriorated rapidly in recent weeks with the ongoing financial crisis already taking its toll on steel prices in the region. Prices in Europe are likely to come under pressure in the second half of the year.

Brokers are hoping for cost-cutting measures that include the elimination of several management layers to enable British Steel plants to be run on a similar structure to US mini-mills.

Sir Brian Moffat, chairman, and the board are likely to face questions over plans for redundancies, following a recent note by Salomon Smith Barney which warned that the company could announce up to 12,500 white collar job losses by March 2001, with 4,000 of these set to go by September 1998.

On a more positive note, Andy Chambers, engineering analyst at SG Securities, the broker, noted that, despite the lower profitability, cash flow is expected to have remained strong, with net cash balances set to total £500 million.

FKI: Full-year results from the engineering group tomorrow will be dominated by the heavy restructuring which has taken



Sir Brian Moffat, British Steel chairman, will unveil the cost of Asia's woes and sterling's strength

place during the past year. The group has disposed of its automotive business for £92.5 million and Clarkson Osborn for £10 million. Further disposals are planned. In the meantime, the management has invested £71 million into the Bridon ropes business and the US doors and windows firm, Allen Stevens. This is in addition to the £269 million invested during 1997.

Brokers are currently forecasting pre-tax profits of between £127.5 million and £130 million, up from £112.1 million last time with earnings per share expected to be up around 20 per cent at

15.8p. Currency factors will have hit turnover to the tune of £60 million and operating profits by £6 million. Another negative factor will be the impact of cheap Asian and North American hardware imports. A division-by-division breakdown is likely to show hardware growing 5 per cent, engineering up 3 per cent, while material handling is likely to be flat.

The payout should grow from 6p to 6.5p.

HAZZLEWOOD FOODS: Tomatoes are likely to hold the key to a bumper set of full-year figures

from the food producer when they are unveiled tomorrow. Currency factors have helped the group to become more competitive against imports while investment in its tomato facility in Sussex and its sandwich factory have enabled brokers to upgrade their profit numbers recently.

Pre-tax profit estimates range from £41 million to £44 million compared with £37 million the previous year while earnings per share should grow from 11.9 to around 13.5p.

The improvement in the tomato side should provide a boost to operating profits. Overall volume

growth is expected to slow with margins maintained despite the absence of price inflation. Cook-in-sauces are growing rapidly with further progress being made by mineral water, bakery and grocery products. But the non-food side remains flat. Convenience meals and sandwiches are enjoying the best growth while fish has improved margins with the help of reduced costs. Meat and delicatessen margins are also doing better with the group concentrating on higher added-value lines.

SCAPA GROUP: The strength of sterling and falling demand for paper machine clothing will have taken their toll of full-year results from the engineer on Thursday. Brokers are forecasting a drop in pre-tax profits from £66.5 million to between £57 million and £59 million. Earnings per share are also likely to have declined from 19p to 17p.

In February the group indicated that demand for its paper products had started to tail off and the economic downturn in Asia meant that recovery in sales of speciality materials had failed to materialise.

The strength of sterling is also likely to make a £9 million dent in profits while redundancy costs will result in an exceptional charge of £28 million.

The dividend is likely to be 7.5p compared with 7.2p last time.

COURTS (FURNISHERS): It is hoped that a strong performance from the group's Caribbean operation will offset any problems caused by the devaluation of Far Eastern currencies.

Pre-tax profits on Wednesday are expected to come in virtually unchanged at £28 million although earnings per share will decline 10 per cent to 22.5p. Profits from the Far East account for 43 per cent of operating profits and the slow-down in consumer spending will clearly have an impact with the Malaysian ringgit worth a third less.

In Britain, third-quarter like-for-like sales surged almost 14 per cent with the January sales particularly buoyant. The payout should increase from 3.75p to 3.95p.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

MPC to face Treasury Committee

The Monetary Policy Committee will be kept in the limelight this week as the Treasury Select Committee holds confirmation hearings for its members. Tomorrow, the first batch kicks off with John Vickers, the committee's newest member, followed by Professor Charles Goodhart, Mervyn King, David Clementi, Ian Plenderleith and Professor Willem Buiter.

Sandwiched between these hearings will be this week's most important figure - average earnings growth for March. The MPC cited private sector earnings growth in March as one of the main reasons why it voted to raise base rates earlier this month. April unit wage costs are published at the same time as well as May unemployment figures.

Tomorrow sees May's retail prices figures. The market consensus, tracked by Standard & Poor's MMS, is for the annual headline rate to stick at 4 per cent with underlying inflation dipping slightly to 2.9 per cent from 3 per cent in April.

On Thursday, May retail sales figures are released and are expected to show growth of 0.3 per cent, a touch stronger than the 0.1 per cent rise in April but still leaving year-on-year volume growth lower at 3.3 per cent from 4.2 per cent in the previous month.

With the financial markets increasingly nervous about the deepening crisis in Asia, figures for Japanese industrial production in April and Hong Kong's unemployment rate for March to May, both published today, will be in focus.

Tomorrow, the Bank of Japan releases its June monthly economic report and the Governor of the bank holds a press conference. On Friday, China publishes May retail sales figures.

JANET BUSH

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: Buy British Steel, Rolls-Royce, Queensborough, Babcock, Manx & Overseas, Sell Enmap, The Sunday Telegraph: Buy Trafficmaster, Quintain Estates & Development, TBI, Sell Thorn, The Observer: Buy John Mowlem, Cookson, Thisle, Independent on Sunday: Buy Tilbury Douglas, Dialog Corporation, British Airways, The Mail on Sunday: Buy Walker Greenbank, Waterfall, ED & F Man, The Express on Sunday: Buy Provident Financial, Biotrace, BTP.

Gresham support for MBO

Gresham Trust, the private equity house, is backing the management of Logistic Support Consultants Group, the military logistics company, to buy out LSC and a leading competitor, the aerospace division of Brandt Computer Systems.

Sales of the combined entity are expected to reach £10 million. The customer base includes the Ministry of Defence, all three armed services, and defence groups such as British Aerospace and GEC. LSC, which is based in Tamworth, employs more than 125 consultants, and supplies advice and information technology to the UK and overseas including Oman and Saudi Arabia.

Nash expands

Harvey Nash, the information technology recruitment specialist, has bought out European Experts, a Belgium-based IT company. Harvey Nash is paying £6.5 million for 90 per cent of the ordinary share capital, with the remaining 10 per cent to be purchased in three to four years' time.

CalPers to make 'insider' claim against Cendant

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

CENDANT, the US group in the process of buying RAC Motoring Services, is to face a legal action by CalPers, the biggest US pension fund, for misleading shareholders. This is the first time that CalPers, a champion of investor rights, has led a class action suit.

Seven Cendant executives including the chairman and the chief executive sold a large part or all of their Cendant holdings worth \$143 million (£88 million) in the weeks before announcing accounting irregularities this year. After the announcement, the shares crashed 45 per cent, but the executives' timely sales saved them up to \$25 million each.

The irregularities came to light during a UK acquisition spree by Cendant. Within a few weeks the group agreed to buy National Parking Corporation, which owns National Car Parks and Green Flag roadside services, and the RAC business, spending more than £1.3 billion. Cendant also owns a host of service busi-

nesses which include, Avis, the car rental firm, and the Ramada Inn.

CalPers is a Cendant shareholder and together with a number of New York pension funds it lost \$86 million in the share plunge in April. The funds decided to take the unprecedented step of suing because they believe that they have a good chance of showing that Cendant executives engaged in blatant insider trading.

Sue Ellen Dodell, a spokesperson for the funds, said: "The company has already admitted that it made errors in its financial statements. It appears to be a very strong case."

The funds are taking control of a class action suit started by small shareholders in April. The decision to take to court a company that they partly own follows a growing emphasis on corporate governance in America. CalPers is currently considering taking boardroom seats at its main holdings.

AMP float brings UK windfalls

BY CAROLINE MERRELL

AMP, the Australian financial services group, will today float with a share price of \$80p (A\$16) giving 170,000 policyholders in the UK windfalls of nearly £3,000.

The float price puts a value of A\$17.2 billion (£6.25 billion) on the company, making it one of Australia's ten largest listed companies.

Those benefitting in the UK include 94,000 policyholders with London Life and 77,000 policyholders with AMP UK. Policyholders with Pearl, which is also owned by AMP, will not receive a windfall because it remains a proprietary company.

George Trumbull, AMP chief executive, said that the base price, set after a week of bidding by institutional investors, was a great result for all AMP shareholders.

"Worldwide institutions have expressed confidence in the future of AMP," Mr Trumbull said. "Over the past few weeks we have seen evidence of strong institutional demand for AMP shares. The base price reflects this interest."

Lonrho to make £70m provision over Hondo

BY JASON NISSÉ

LONRHO, which last week agreed to sell its Princess Hotels chain for \$540 million (£330 million), will this week bite the bullet on its controversial investment in Hondo Oil & Gas, the exploration company.

Sir John Craven, the Lonrho chairman who earlier this year criticised the decision of his predecessors to invest in Hondo, will announce that Lonrho has taken a provision of nearly £70 million against its exposure to Hondo.

Lonrho is not only the largest shareholder in the company - which is exploring for oil off the Colombian coast - but also has loans worth over \$100 million extended to the company. Earlier this year The Times

revealed that Hondo shares had been suspended on the American Stock Exchange after tests on wells that it was drilling came up with results indicating there was not financially viable oil deposits.

At the time Lonrho refused to acknowledge that it would have to make any write-offs. This is despite Sir John admitting at Lonrho's annual general meeting that the Hondo investment had been a mistake.

It is expected that Lonrho will attempt to deal with any provision against the Hondo investment as a balance sheet item so that it will not reduce the group's profits, which are expected to be in the region of £70 million for the half year ending on March 31.

Large advertisement for Tuesday 30p Times featuring a newspaper graphic with the text 'Don't miss tomorrow's 30p Times for the definitive analysis of England's performance on their World Cup '98 debut.' and 'The Times - Now 30p weekdays.' and 'http://www.the-times.co.uk CHANGING TIMES'

# Carlson sues Fatah and colleagues over sale of Inspirations

By Dominic Walsh

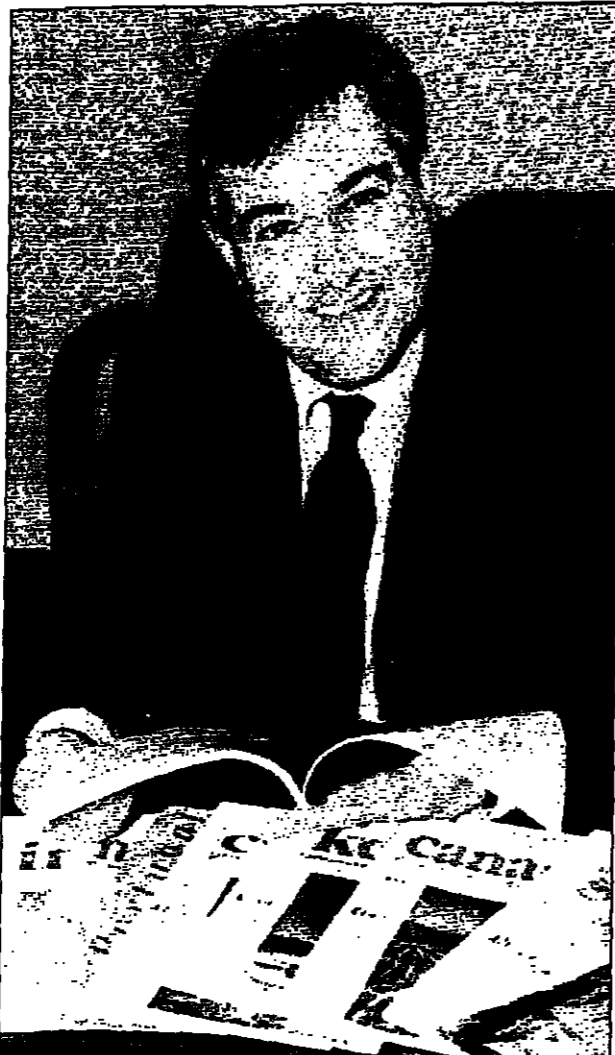
VIC FATAH, the former chief executive of Inspirations, is being sued by Carlson, the US hospitality group that acquired the ailing tour operator last summer.

Carlson, through its Carlson Leisure Group (UK) subsidiary, has issued a writ against Mr Fatah, along with seven other executives, claiming that it was not given a true financial picture during due diligence before the deal. It accuses the men of making "fraudulent and negligent mis-statements and misrepresentation" in relation to the £42 million deal in September 1997.

The US group is seeking unspecified damages against the eight men, who include Paul Jackson, the former finance director of Inspirations, and James Richard Harris, former chairman. Mr Fatah, who lives in the US, is being sued under his full name, Rafiqe John Paul Fatah.

Even though Inspirations was loss-making at the time of the acquisition, Carlson hoped to use the deal as the springboard to rapid expansion in the UK, where it already operated more than 400 shops under the AT Mays brand. The board made almost £10 million from the deal, and industry sources believe that this is the amount that Carlson is seeking to recoup. Earlier this year there were unconfirmed rumours that Carlson had quietly put Inspirations up for sale again.

Inspirations expanded rapidly after its flotation in 1993 to become the UK's fifth-largest tour operator. However, its image was tarnished in 1996 when holidaymakers suffered a summer of delays after



Vic Fatah was chief executive when Inspirations was sold

British Airways, which held a 5.5 per cent stake in Inspirations, failed to deliver aircraft on time. The cost of the delays was estimated at £17 million although BA was forced to pay the company £6 million in compensation. The Times tracked down Mr

Fatah to the offices of Zuno Travel in Washington State for comment. However, Mr Fatah said: "No comment. Goodbye." He then instructed his secretary not to give out any details of Zuno Travel and to block all further calls.

# Murdoch calls for German TV 'openness'

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

RUPERT MURDOCH, chairman of The News Corporation, yesterday called on Germany to open up its television market to foreign investors following the collapse of the planned merger between Kirch and the huge Bertelsmann Media Group.

Mr Murdoch was speaking at a media conference in Cologne against a background of widespread speculation within the media industry about News Corp's expansion within the German television market. At present News Corp, parent company of The Times, owns only 49.9 per cent of Vox, a small private television channel.

Mr Murdoch praised Germany's relative openness to outside competition. "The confidence and success of the German media market is shown by not only the large number of free-to-air television stations, probably offering the largest choice of any market, but also by the fact that it is one of the few markets not to prohibit investment by foreign companies. The world should follow your lead here."

Entering the German market, he said, was still "extremely difficult". Germany has some 34 free-to-air stations, including a large number of public channels, but only two are profitable. "Of a DM12 billion (£4 billion) television advertising market, those two profitable stations make only DM400 million or so between them, and the combined losses of the other channels dwarf that. So competition is tough in this market, perhaps too tough."

The European Commission's rejection of the Kirch-Bertelsmann merger ensured that the private television market would not be swept up by an effective German duopoly.

# 'Prudent' Mr Brown ready to unveil the real Budget

Gordon Brown is making a habit of spoiling sporting events with major financial announcements. The restoration of the Budget to its traditional slot in March renews the clash with the Cheltenham Festival, while last week's news on government spending dropped like a bombshell on financial markets riveted to the World Cup. Last week, surprise and confusion. This week, suspicion and analysis.

What are we to make of the *Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report*? The document itself is a nightmarish concoction of new Labour speak and financial gobbledegook which makes *A Brief History of Time* seem like an easy read. Yet its publication marks a defining moment in Labour's stewardship of the economy.

In his first Budget, the Chancellor's task was to scotch the image of old Labour as a party of tax and spend. Accordingly, he stuck to the Tories' tight numbers restraining the growth of public spending, both for what was then the current year and the present one. Simultaneously, he eschewed the large rises in taxes feared by voters.

But because the economy was performing strongly, tax revenues poured into the Treasury, thereby turning the Government's deficit towards surplus. So Gordon the Prudent came to be accepted and even admired in the Square Mile.

This provided scope for a little cleverly executed backtracking. Mr Brown's second Budget was more activist than it first appeared, with taxes on upper earners rising to fund redis-

tribution towards the lower paid. Now comes the second leg. In last week's speech, Mr Brown used the word prudent so many times, and tied himself up with so many new financial concepts, that the average Labour backbencher, not being able to distinguish his "current Budget surplus" from his "public sector net cash requirement", could not see the essence of it — large rises in public spending.

This is not to say, though, that this represents a whole-scale return to the vices of old Labour. Very far from it. The Chancellor has introduced radical reforms into the structure of fiscal policy, including the abolition of the annual spending round, and the distinction between current and capital spending, which should improve both the control of public spending and its efficiency.

Furthermore, the planned increases in spending — coming after a period of considerable restraint — stop well short of a bonanza. And all of this is achieved while sticking to "prudent" fiscal guidelines.

How has he achieved the supposedly impossible? It is economic growth that does the trick. Simply assume that the economy continues to grow nicely and everything falls into place. Because tax revenues rise in line, this allows increases in current spending without increased borrowing.

In fact, because taxes tend to rise faster than gross domestic product (GDP), you can allow public spending to

rise a bit faster and still not experience rising borrowing. If public borrowing is kept close to zero then the accumulated total of public debt will not rise much and, accordingly, as GDP continues to grow, the debt to GDP ratio will fall below 40 per cent. Why is 40 per cent the magic number? Because it sounds nice and low and yet is comfortably achievable while doing all of the above.

What makes the *Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report* so significant is that it marks a definite choice about what to do with the rising tax receipts thrown up by economic growth. These could be used to reduce accumulated public debt, cut taxes or increase public spending. Mr Brown has chosen the third option.

The running of persistent surpluses, as well as improving long-term fiscal health, would have had a definite impact upon the composition of GDP and, therefore, its long-run growth potential. Compared with the position presented in the March Budget, the *Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report* represents a fiscal relaxation.

Mr Brown's new plans allow for spending to grow by 2½ per cent in real terms, faster than even the fastest of three putative paths laid out in the Budget. The Bank of England had previously assumed that public spending would grow by 1½ per cent per annum. So, in the absence of compensating tax increases, the implication must be faster

growth of aggregate demand and that must put upward pressure on interest rates, and also on the exchange rate.

This need not necessarily mean that they are set to rise, but will probably mean that both will fall more slowly than would have been the case, with the likely result that national investment is lower.

Meanwhile, although Mr Brown seems to be laying to rest the prospect of large personal tax rises, by keeping public spending at about 40 per cent of GDP, he is also closing off the prospect of tax cuts. This is an implicit rejection of the "Hong Kong" option — boosting economic growth by sharpening incentives and alleviating myriad tax distortions.

With regard to Britain's growth potential, Mr Brown's assumptions are pretty conservative. The problem is the R word: Mr Lawson's heady surpluses soon gave way to record deficits, thanks to the onset of recession.

Last week the financial markets responded well to Mr Brown's package, not only because its eye was on a different sort of ball, but also because worries about implications for debt issuance and interest rates were outweighed by concern about the Far East.

But if the worst fears about the world economy prove well-founded, and the UK is dragged into recession, then Mr Brown can kiss goodbye to his declining net debt-to-GDP ratio — and his reputation for prudence. He might still, of course, be able to claim that, cyclically adjusted, the "public sector net cash requirement" had not risen any higher. But to no avail. Cyclically adjusted, we're all dead.



ROGER BOOTLE

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**THE FACTS**

Turnover (1997): £8.55 billion  
 Pre-tax profit: £553 million (before exceptional)  
 Market cap: £9.2 billion  
 Employees: 43,400  
 Activities: Defence and civil aircraft manufacture; armaments; properly development; asset management and leasing  
 History: Evolved from legends such as Sopwith, Vickers and de Havilland. Fully privatised 1985.

**THE BOARD**

THE BAE chairman, Sir Richard Evans, is coming up to his 30th year with the group and he leads a team with similar experience. He is also a non-executive director of United Utilities, arriving at the height of the battle to oust Sir Desmond Pitches, the then chairman. Sir Richard had been mentioned as a desirable replacement as chairman before the job was given to Sir Christopher Harding of Legal & General.

The chief executive, John Weston, is also in for a long-service medal, having clocked up 28 years with BAE. Richard Laphorne, who gained a strong following in the City as finance director, surprised some with his decision to scale down his BAE commitments and become vice-chairman overseeing strategy. He is also deputy chairman of Nycomed Amersham, the healthcare group, and a non-executive director of Orange, the mobile phone company. Until BAE owned 21 per cent of Orange. Mr Laphorne's successor as finance director, George Rose, is also on the Orange board.

Mike Turner, the executive in charge of commercial aircraft, continues to report directly to Sir Richard. He has been at BAE for 32 years and is a non-exec at Babcock International, the owners of Rosyth military dockyard. He presumably runs into Lord Heslth at a lot — the peer is a non-exec at BAE and Babcock.

The lead non-executive at BAE is Sir Robin Biggam, chairman of Fairley, a famous name of UK aviation which has recently pulled out of aerospace. Keith Brown, a Morgan Stanley director, is the Government-appointed non-executive. Sir Ronald Hampel, the corporate governance guru and ICI chairman, is another non-executive heavyweight.

THE recent boardroom reshuffle at British Aerospace had been keenly anticipated. The aircraft industry was waiting for Bob Bauman, the non-executive chairman, to step down and be replaced by Sir Richard Evans, the stock market salesman who has been a major force in the group's remarkable turnaround this decade.

What had sharpened the appetite for boardroom news was the succession to Sir Richard. British Aerospace in the 1990s has been dominated by four millionaire executives: Sir Richard, as chief executive; Richard Laphorne, as finance director; John Weston, as head of military aerospace; and Mike Turner, as BAE's Airbus supremo. Which of the three was going to take over as chief executive?

Mr Weston got the job, a timely reminder that, amid all the Airbus headlines, BAE is really about military aircraft. In 1997 defence sales were £6.4 billion, compared with £2.5 billion from commercial aerospace. Although BAE's 20 per cent stake in the Airbus consortium is really starting to perform now, the export prospects of its latest military planes are more significant.

Chief among these is the "Eurofighter". This is still only its working title — the Germans vetoed "Typhoon" because that was the name of a British plane in the Second World War.

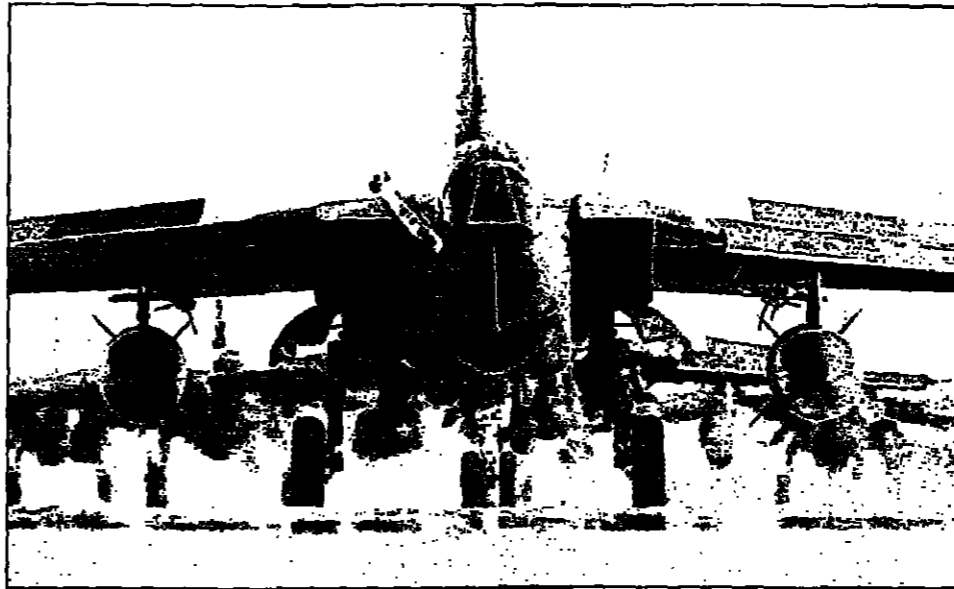
The aircraft, which costs about £40 million with parts and spares, is a joint project between the UK, Germany, Spain and Italy. Beyond the 620 orders taken from these nations, Eurofighter faces competition from Europe and the US.

BAe and its three partners — Dasa of Germany, Casa of Spain and Alenia of Italy — had an early opportunity in the United Arab Emirates, where the cheaper and older F-16 was recently chosen.

BAe claims that this was not a real test of the Eurofighter's prowess, insisting that it did not submit final prices because the deliveries would be a little too close to those of the "host" countries. A "ballpark" figure had been indicated in discussions, the company concedes.

Its willingness fiercely to defend Eurofighter's reputation led to conflict with the BBC over a Panorama programme critical of the aircraft. BAE said its opposition managed to win changes that

**CORPORATE PROFILE: British Aerospace**



Sir Richard Evans, left and Richard Laphorne have high hopes for the Eurofighter, while the Tornado, top, is being wound down. John Weston's appointment as chief executive shows that military aircraft is still the dominant side of BAE, with the Hawk, bottom, probably its most successful aircraft

Daimler-Benz Aerospace of Germany, may have to wait until the Airbus restructuring sometime next year. Many believe BAE would still want a deal with GEC-Marconi, but Lord Simpson of Dunkeld seems unlikely to sanction this.

Mr Weston believes that consolidation will not stop in Europe, envisaging two to four big global players emerging over the next 20 years: "The issue for us is how to make sure we are part of the most powerful entity."

BAe is partnered with Lockheed Martin on the Joint Strike Fighter. It also has links with Boeing, including the Nimrod 2000 project. However, Mr Weston says the US Department of Defense is not yet ready for an international defence contractor, and the enormity of the US firms may mean BAE would risk being a junior partner.

The future of Arlington, the commercial property company containing many converted airfields, is more certain. This rather incongruous third leg to BAE is being prepared for flotation.

In a move that will infuriate opponents of arms exports to areas such as Indonesia, Integrity Works, the independent consultant, gave BAE seven out of ten for "ethical expression", saying it found "a progressive array of policies aimed at promoting the interests of stakeholders, including customers and employees".

Crisp Consulting was similarly pleased with pay practices, calculating that Sir Richard Evans was paid £1.18 million in 1997 in salary, bonus and the imputed value of his share options. Although Crisp claimed this was an 18 per cent overpayment in the light of the year's exceptional losses, it said the non-executives are underpaid.

ADAM JONES

**OUR VERDICT**

Ethical expression	7/10
Pay-cast quotient	8/10
Financial record	7/10
Share performance	9/10
Attitude to employees	8/10
Strength of brand	7/10
Innovation	7/10
Annual report	5/10
City star rating	9/10
Future prospects	8/10
<b>Total</b>	<b>75/100</b>

Ethical expression is evaluated by Integrity Works. The Pay-cast quotient, in which best boardroom pay practice scores highest, is provided by Crisp Consulting.

**WHAT THE EXPERTS SAY**

"British Aerospace has shown that it will not be forced into a secondary role to the French in any restructuring. They are looking to do what deals they can and have done very well with Saab — that is a great deal, with Gripen it's almost something for nothing. For Eurofighter, one obvious market will be Saudi Arabia."

Nick Cunningham, Salomon Smith Barney

"The visibility of defence earnings combined with BAE's strong position in the potential restructuring of the European industry continues to leave the shares looking attractive. We have a target of about 650p for the shares, even though the sector has taken a bit of a hammering recently over Asia. They have got a good spread of activities across all areas."

Andy Chambers, Société Générale Securities

presented it in a more "balanced" light.

BAe says the first big competition will be Norway, where a formal bid should go in at the beginning of next year against the F-18. There are also campaigns in Australia, Brazil, South Korea, Singapore and Saudi Arabia.

Through a joint venture with Saab, BAE sells the Gripen, the first fourth-generation fighter out of the starting blocks, in certain territories. Although the Gripen may overlap with the more expensive Eurofighter in some markets, Mr Weston believes it contributes to the best product range in military aircraft. BAE will share the manufacturing of the export Gripen.

The Hawk, probably BAE's most successful aircraft to date, will continue to be sold, both as a trainer and a basic combat aircraft. One of the continuing sales prospects is

South Africa. BAE maintains that there is no threat to its existing Hawk contract with Indonesia.

The Tornado, the combat aircraft that featured heavily in the Gulf War, is being wound down. The last of the Tornados ordered by Saudi Arabia in the massive Al-

Yamamah arms deals are being made now.

The Eurofighter production facilities currently under construction are very different to those of the Tornado, its predecessor. The Tornado moved down a production line. The embryonic Eurofighters will stay still and

workers will cluster round in teams that break down the traditional divisions between the drawing board and the factory floor. Final assembly will be done by laser-guided robots at a £7 million facility.

Bob Haslam, the BAE Eurofighter project director, says lessons have been learned from owning Rover, the car maker BAE sold to BMW (BAE sites are still dominated by Rover cars because of a continuing discount deal). Much of the responsibility for quality control gets shifted to the suppliers when they have proven themselves: 12 suppliers, including Courtaulds and Ultra, have been particularly praised.

The emphasis is on just-in-time delivery, even on things such as sticky labels. The result is that BAE's lean manufacturing techniques are world class in civil and defence aerospace, pushing its

profitability ahead of its partners in the Airbus consortium.

This gives real negotiating muscle to Mike Turner in the present discussions that will turn Airbus into a stand-alone company some time next year. Industry sources suggest that BAE will not want to increase its 20 per cent stake in Airbus, but will want a bigger slice of the profits, probably through higher contractor's fees.

BAe is keen that Airbus should not be the hub of any European restructuring, and its willingness so far to call the tune in the musical chairs means it has built a strong position to dictate terms.

Taking a stake in Saab was the most impressive move. Although this is evidence that BAE is becoming a magnet for the more mobile aerospace groups in Europe, there is no guarantee that further opportunities will be as good. The most significant, a tie-up with

**Granada claims TV rental boost**

BY FRASER NELSON

GRANADA is claiming an early victory over rival Radio Rentals in renting wide-screen televisions for the World Cup after recording a 500 per cent increase in big-ticket TV contracts in the past month alone.

The company, which has spent £2 million stocking up on new televisions in the past five weeks, says it has won hundreds of fresh customers who may well rent for the

next four years to keep pace with the advent of digital television.

Dudley Moor-Radford, marketing controller of Granada Rental, said: "The hype surrounding the World Cup has really helped business. The response has been phenomenal and we definitely seem to be doing a great deal more business than Radio Rentals."

Last month it began offering

a replica 1966 England football shirt with every rental contract worth more than £25 a month. It has so far issued 10,000 such shirts.

Radio Rentals said it has had "fantastic" response to its campaign but said it could not issue any figures: its campaign has urged customers to join Ryan Giggs, the Welsh footballer, and watch the game at home. The company described Granada's claim of

a fivefold increase as "staggering".

The two rental companies have about 50 per cent of the market each. Radio Rentals, owned by Thorn, is traditionally bigger in television and Granada is the leader in satellite sets. No world cup matches are being broadcast in wide-screen format. The new televisions allow viewers to enlarge the picture and then zoom in.

**Grid eyes air traffic operation**

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

NATIONAL GRID is drawing up plans to operate the UK's air traffic control after telling the Government it wanted to run the system.

The electricity transmission company wrote to the Government several weeks ago to register its interest in National Air Traffic Services (Nats). After the Chancellor's announcement last week that 51 per cent of Nats is to be sold, it is waiting for discus-

sions. The grid's interest will spark fears of widespread job losses. Since the privatisation of electricity seven years ago, the grid has nearly halved its original workforce of 6,000.

It is thought the grid will pitch its bid for the Nats stake heavily on possible efficiencies. It will say it has suitable experience to run Nats because of its own management of sophisticated computer software and through its balancing of

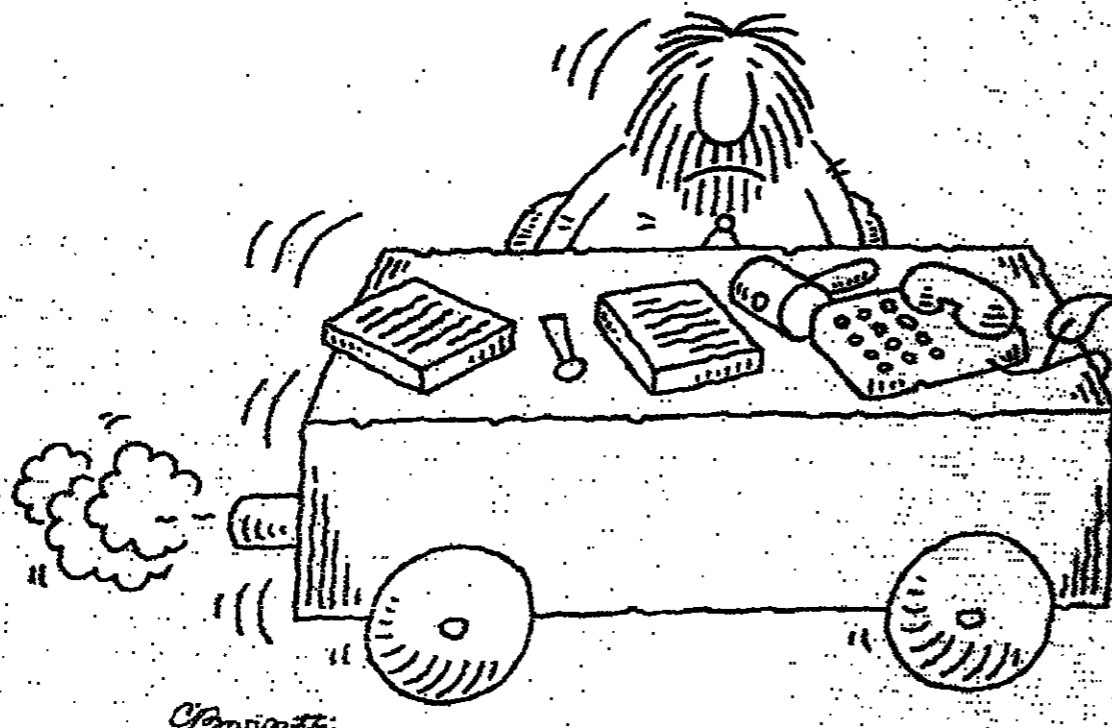
electricity generation with demand. Nats, part of the Civil Aviation Authority, has been criticised for systems problems at its delayed operations centre near Bournemouth.

The grid also has considerable cash to pump into Nats, which needs an investment of more than £100 million a year for the next eight years because of the growth in air traffic. Earlier this month the company said it would be able

to spend up to £1 billion on an acquisition in the US. A spokesman for the grid said: "We are potentially interested because of the fit of Nats with our skills and experience."

Separately Camelot, the lottery operator, backed away from suggestions that it wanted to run the Tote, the horse racing pool betting operation which Gordon Brown also said would be open to private/public partnership.

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Conclusions, comeuppances, celebrations

This weekend saw the safe delivery of Channel 4's season celebrating the fifth anniversary of the National Health Service...

contact. A healthy subject would have rolled her eyes and replied, "OK, dear. Whatever you say..." but she too was contaminated and spluttered something terse.

strike didn't work, leaving NATO to unleash nuclear Armageddon. White light filled the screen, leaving the ending open, along with the possibility of another series.

REVIEW



Deborah Moggach's adaptation of her own novel was more interested in nuances and complexities than in melodrama...

publisher Stephen got off lightly, sinking back to his emotionally experimental Dutch wife.

sages. His family had fractured and reformed, yet still provided a warm cocoon, a cruel counterpoint to her desolate isolation.

found a lot to be outraged about in the state of the nation's health care before the NHS. There was nothing innovative or gimmicky about Pennies From Heaven...

BBC1 schedule table including 6.00am Business Breakfast, 7.00am BBC Breakfast News, 9.00am All Over the Shop, 10.00am The General, 10.30am Can't Cook, Won't Cook, 11.05am The Really Useful Show, 12.00pm News, 12.30pm Regional News, 12.35pm Neighbours, 1.00pm World Cup 98 Live, 3.35pm Bananaman, 5.35pm Neighbours, 6.00pm Six O'Clock News, 7.00pm EastEnders, 7.30pm World Cup 98 Live, 10.00pm News, 10.30pm Inside Story: Tongue-Tied, 11.30pm Film 98 with Barry Norman, 12.00am Rio Conchos, 1.40am Weather, 1.45am BBC News 24.

BBC2 schedule table including 6.10am The Golden Thread, 7.00am Teletubbies, 9.20am The Ghost Chasers, 10.10am Storyline, 12.30pm Working Lunch, 1.15pm Hell Boats, 2.50pm News, 4.25pm Ready, Steady, Cook, 6.20pm Space 1999, 7.15pm The Who Done English, 7.30pm Computers Don't Bite, 8.00pm Sommerberg, 9.50pm Survival, 10.00pm I'm Alan Partridge, 12.30am O.U.: Orsanmichele.

HTV schedule table including 6.00am GMTV, 9.25pm This Morning, 9.30pm Vanessa, 10.10pm This Morning, 12.15pm Regional News, 12.30pm News, 1.00pm Wales: Animal Country, 1.30pm Hunt, 2.15pm News, 3.15pm News, 3.20pm Oddballs, 3.50pm World Cup 98 Live, 6.50pm Regional News, 7.00pm Wheel of Fortune, 7.30pm Coronation Street, 8.00pm News, 8.30pm Regional News, 9.25pm News, 10.10pm I'm Alan Partridge, 11.40pm News, 12.30am O.U.

CENTRAL schedule table including As HTV West except, 1.00pm A Country Practice, 1.30pm The Jerry Springer Show, 2.45-3.15 High Road, 3.50pm Central Jobfinder, 5.20pm Asian Eye, 6.50pm GMTV, 9.25pm This Morning, 9.30pm Vanessa, 10.10pm This Morning, 12.15pm Regional News, 12.30pm News, 1.00pm Wales: Animal Country, 1.30pm Hunt, 2.15pm News, 3.15pm News, 3.20pm Oddballs, 3.50pm World Cup 98 Live, 6.50pm Regional News, 7.00pm Wheel of Fortune, 7.30pm Coronation Street, 8.00pm News, 8.30pm Regional News, 9.25pm News, 10.10pm I'm Alan Partridge, 11.40pm News, 12.30am O.U.

CHANNEL 4 schedule table including 6.00am Sesame Street, 7.00pm The Big Breakfast, 9.00pm Schools: The English Programme, 9.25pm Schools at Work, 9.45pm Book Box, 10.00pm Stage Two Science, 10.15pm Rat-a-Tat-Tat, 10.30pm Place and People, 10.50pm Express, 11.00pm People in Society, 11.15pm The Mix, 11.30pm Here's One I Made Earlier, 12.00pm Sesame Street, 12.30pm Sesame Street, 12.30pm Light Lunch, 1.30pm The Living Sea, 2.00pm The Iron Curtain, 3.30pm Watercolour Challenge, 4.00pm Fifteen-to-One, 4.55pm Montel Williams, 5.30pm Pet Rescue, 6.00pm Boy Meets World, 7.00pm News, 7.55pm The Windrush Years, 9.00pm Secret History: Killer Flu, 10.00pm NYPD Blue, 10.55pm Drop the Dead Donkey, 11.30pm Big Bang Theory, 12.00am Under the Moon, 2.05am Babylon 5, 4.40pm Prisoner: Cell Block H.

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE schedule table including Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder 52453, 6.00am 5 News and Sport, 7.00am WorldView, 9.00pm Wildlife SOS, 12.00pm Family Affairs, 3.30pm Soldier in the Rain, 5.10pm The Oprah Winfrey Show, 6.00pm 100 Percent Game, 7.00pm 5 News, 7.30pm Hot Property Series, 8.00pm The Counterfeit Contessa, 9.50pm Dr Fox's Chart Update, 10.00pm The Doors, 12.35am Live and Dangerous, 1.40am Prisoner: Cell Block H, 5.30pm 100 Percent.



Jemma Redgrave stars as Dr Eleanor Bramwell (8.00pm)

8.00pm Bramwell: Our Brave Boys Feature-length drama about a female surgeon in 1890s London...



Richard Gere and Jodie Foster as husband and wife (8.00pm)

8.00pm Sommerberg (1993) Melodrama set at the time of the American Civil War with veteran Richard Gere returning to his Tennessee home town...



Richard Branson preparing for the round the world attempt (8.00pm)

8.00pm To the Ends of the Earth: Racing with the Wind See critic's choice. Five teams of balloonists from across the globe battle to be the first to fly non-stop around the world (7.5944)



Meg Ryan and Val Kilmer star in a musical biography (10.00pm)

10.00pm The Doors (1991) Musical biography with Val Kilmer as the flamboyant singer Jim Morrison. Also with Meg Ryan, Kevin Dillon and Kyle McLachlan. Directed by Oliver Stone (47100405)

SKY SPORTS 1 and 2 schedule tables including 6.00am Fiddler on the Roof, 6.30am News, 7.00am Aerobics, 7.30am Fiddler on the Roof, 8.00am News, 8.30am Fiddler on the Roof, 9.00am News, 9.30am Fiddler on the Roof, 10.00am News, 10.30am Fiddler on the Roof, 11.00pm News, 11.30pm Fiddler on the Roof.

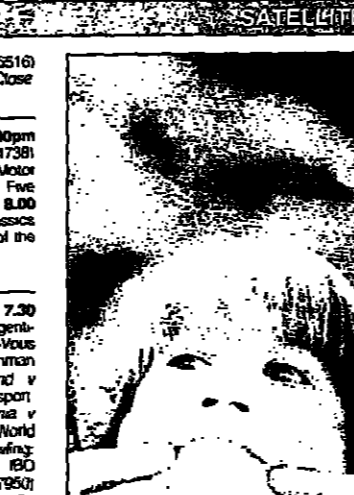
SKY SPORTS 3 and 4 schedule tables including 6.00am Football, 6.30am News, 7.00am Aerobics, 7.30am Football, 8.00am News, 8.30am Football, 9.00pm News, 9.30pm Football, 10.00pm News, 10.30pm Football, 11.00pm News, 11.30pm Football.

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SKY MOVIES GOLD and SKY MOVIES SCREEN 1 schedule tables including 8.00pm The Untouchables, 9.00pm The Untouchables, 10.00pm The Untouchables, 11.00pm The Untouchables.

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SKY MOVIES SCREEN 4 and 5 schedule tables including 6.00pm The Untouchables, 7.00pm The Untouchables, 8.00pm The Untouchables, 9.00pm The Untouchables.



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Goldman on brink of \$30bn float

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

GOLDMAN SACHS will today announce strong support for a \$30 billion (£18.5 billion) floatation of the investment bank following the results of a secret ballot of its 200 partners...

have voiced opposition because they fear Goldman's unique culture would be lost if managers were answerable to shareholders...

the meeting would be held at Rye Brook in New York State. But partners were re-directed at the last minute to another conference centre...

Partners tempted by public route

THE potential floatation of Goldman Sachs has brought speculation that other partnerships, which had been resistant to taking the public company route, may be tempted to float...

to professional firms, which have historically resisted attempts to move them towards the public company arena...



A ex-Lehman banker's wife has been accused of the theft of New York's Empire State Building

Empire State ownership clouded by family feud

A FORMER Lehman Brothers banker in New York is fighting extradition to France over accusations that he helped his wife to steal properties including the Empire State Building...

and Kiiko Nakahara, the son-in-law and daughter of Mr Yokoi respectively...

magnate was also facing bankruptcy in Japan and asked his daughter to buy foreign properties to protect his wealth from his creditors...

MPC rate rise 'flawed over earnings data'

By JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS EDITOR

A LEADING economist has provided The Times with a damning alternative to the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee analysis of average earnings...

He believes that his results offer firm evidence that underlying earnings growth is nearer to 4 per cent rather than the 5 per cent recently claimed by Mervyn King...

were stung by an attack on their judgment by Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, at the annual Mansion House banquet last Thursday...

The Office for National Statistics unveils March figures for annual earnings growth on Wednesday. The ONS uses a three-month average...

Despair as coal plan is diluted

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE coal industry is poised for up to four more pit closures and 2,000 job losses after a last-minute weakening of government action to protect coal...

production but coal experts believe that this has made unit costs so high, especially at the Selby complex, that they are already unsustainable...

Crossword puzzle grid with clues and solutions.

ACROSS 1 Release (prisoner): fire (gun) (9) 6 Tricked: owned (5) 8 Break in line of verse (7) 9 Augustus - Victorian Gothic architect (5) 10 Someone tricked (4) 11 Only-one-wife/husband system (8) 13 Plan, system: plot (6) 14 Bring to conclusion: tease (slang) (4,2) 17 Ill-defined: vague (8) 20 Set of steps (5) 21 Inspired predictor (7) 22 Indeed: was in front (5) 23 One hearing down: a warship (9)

Millar sued by British Biotech

BRITISH BIOTECH, the pharmaceutical group, is suing Andrew Millar, who it sacked as head of research for passing to The Times documents relating to problems with the group's leading drugs and with financial regulators...



Millar: dismissed

British Steel to accelerate cost cutting

BRITISH STEEL is to speed up its cost-cutting programme with the likely loss of up to 12,500 jobs (Christine Buckley writes). The group, which employs 41,000 in the UK and 50,000 worldwide, has been hit by the strength of the pound...

Newcastle United v City in dispute about ex-directors

SIR John Hall, whose family companies own 57 per cent of Newcastle United, is set for a head-on battle with the City by attempting to bring back the two directors who resigned in disgrace earlier this year...

John is understood to want both Douglas Hall and Mr Shepherd to return to the board of Newcastle United Football Club...

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